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*THE RADIOACTIVE
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IF I HAD A HEATER I'D CHILL THAT PLASTIC NUISANCE!

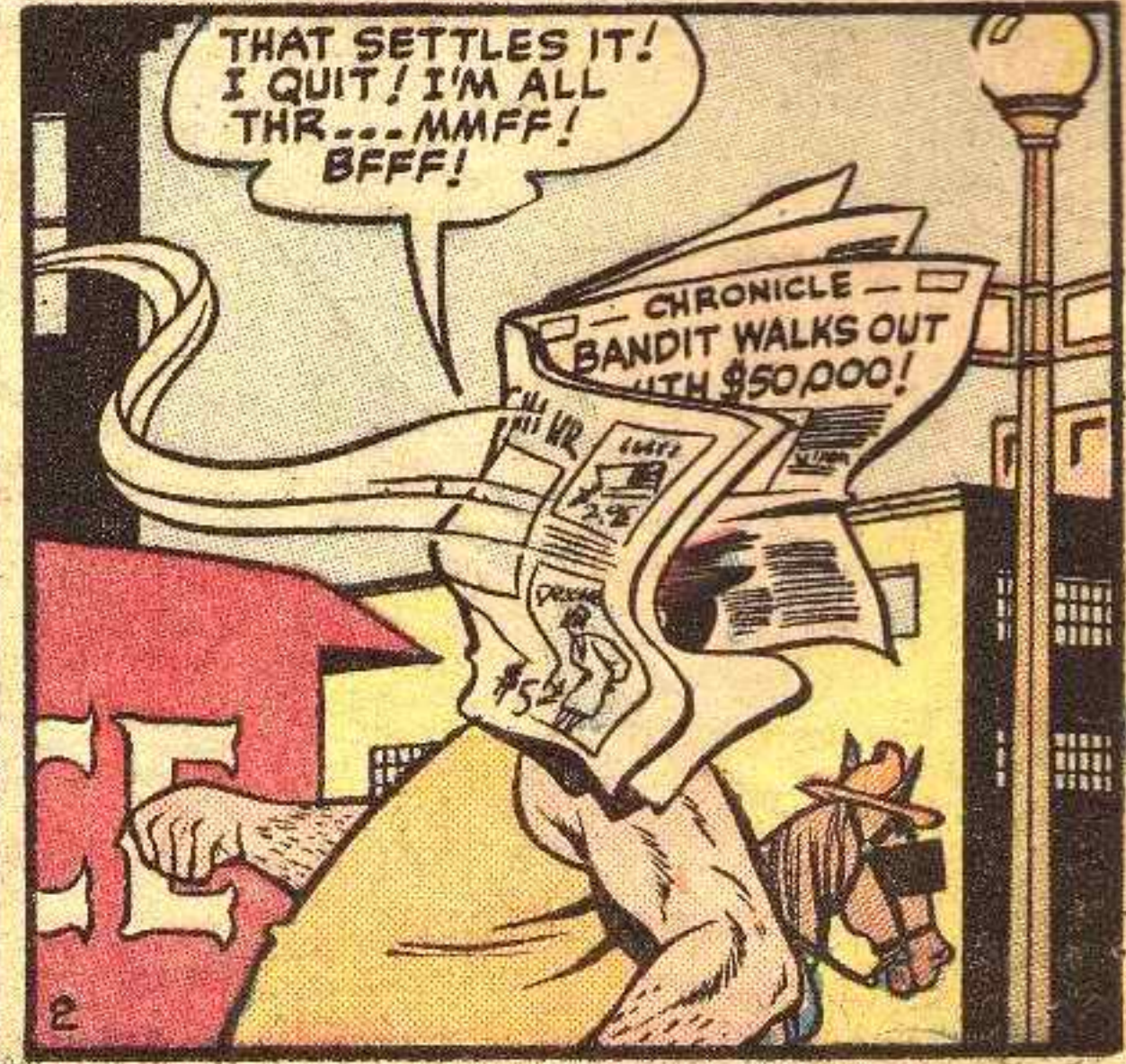
FREEZE, ICE MAN! YOU HAVEN'T THE CHANCE OF A SNOW-BALL IN AN OVEN!

**DANGER!
THIN ICE!**

THE ICE MAN HAD A HOT IDEA TO COLD-SHOULDER THE LAW AND FREEZE ONTO SOME RARE ICE! BUT PLASTIC MAN OF THE F.B.I. QUICKLY GOT THE DRIFT AND PUT IN A BLOOD-CHILLING APPEARANCE IN TIME TO FACE THE COLDEST CHARACTER IN CRIME... **THE MAN BELOW ZERO!**



HA-HA! WE FOOLED YOU! THIS CHILLING ADVENTURE TAKES PLACE DURING THE HOTTEST WEEK OF SUMMER!



PLASTIC MAN



IT AIN'T FAIR! I CLIMB 10 FLIGHTS FOR 50¢ I DON'T GET... AND SOME CROOK STROLLS OFF WITH 50 GRAND! EEAHHH!



I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL TURN CROOK MYSELF! IT'S THE ONLY WAY LEFT FOR A MAN TO MAKE AN HONEST LIVING!



NOBODY EVER THOUGHT OF USING ICE TO COMMIT CRIMES! I KNOW PLENTY OF TRICKS WITH ICE... AND I'LL **STEAL ICE! DIAMONDS!**

GIDDYAP, FLEA BISCUIT!



And SO, A FEW MORNINGS LATER IN THE F.B.I. OFFICE...

THIS IS CHIEF BRANNER! WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? OH, NO...!

WHAT'S UP, CHIEF? WHERE'S THE CRIME?



THE BROOTEN DIAMOND COMPANY! SOMEBODY CRACKED A SUPPOSEDLY BURGLAR-PROOF SAFE AND GOT A FORTUNE IN UNSET DIAMONDS!

EEOWW! WE'RE ON OUR WAY, CHIEF!



PLAS, IT'S TOO... PUFF-PUFF... HOT TO RUN! WAIT FOR ME!

CAN'T, WOOSY! UNSET DIAMONDS ARE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE! IF WE DON'T WORK FAST, WE'RE LICKED!



GOING UP! HURRY, WOOSY! HERE'S THE OFFICE!

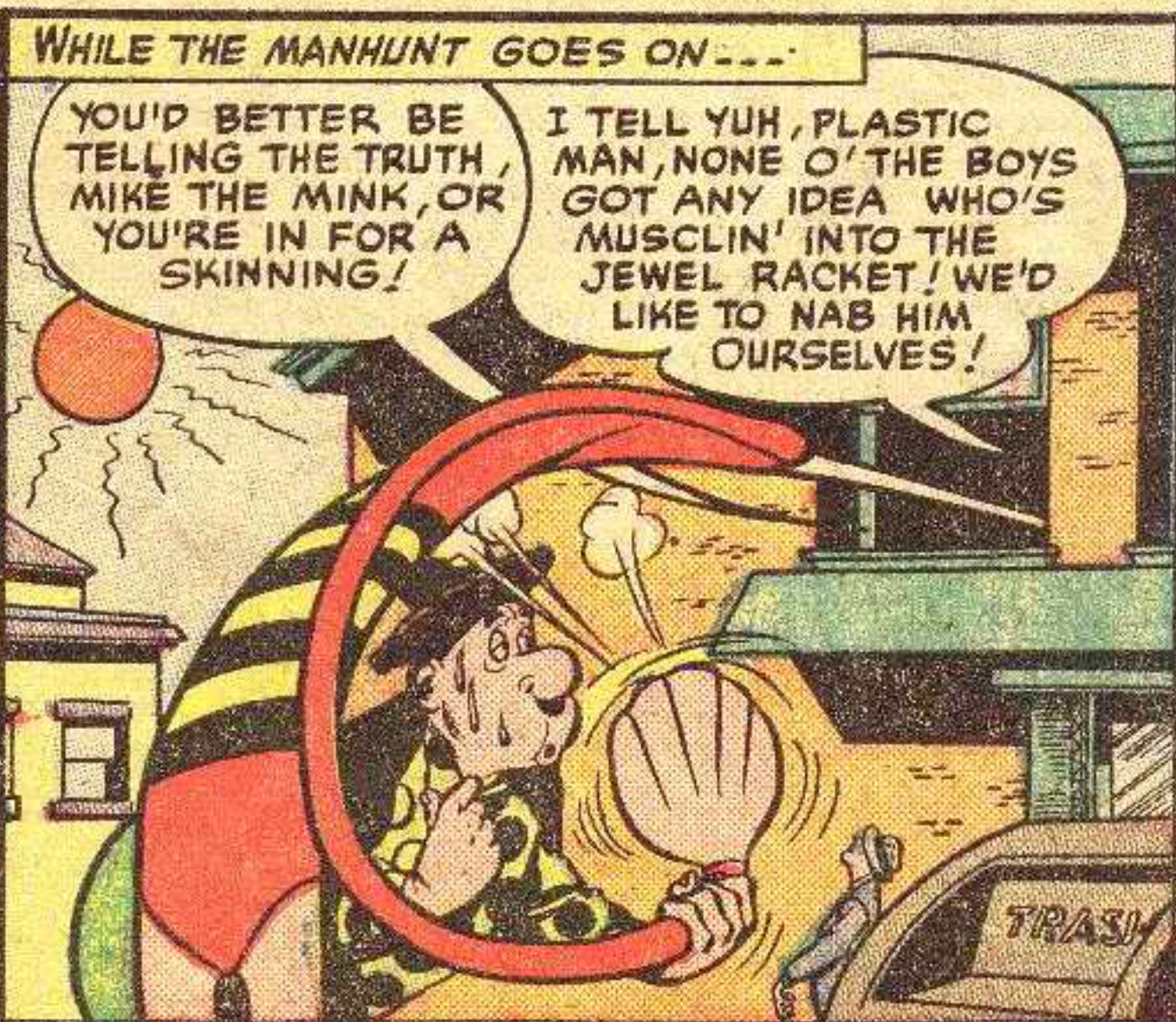
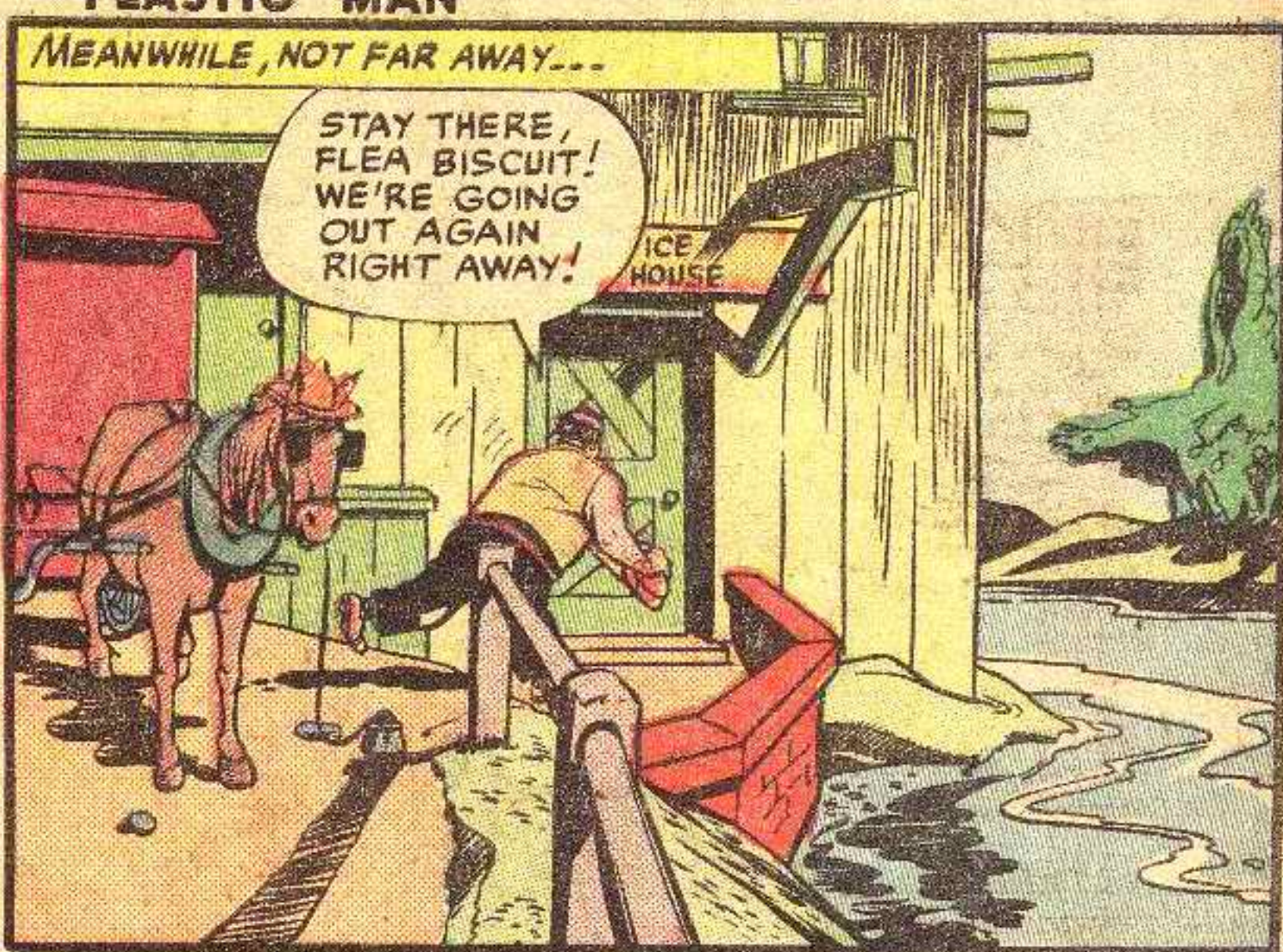
GOOD MORNING! HOT, ISN'T IT?

EEEEK!

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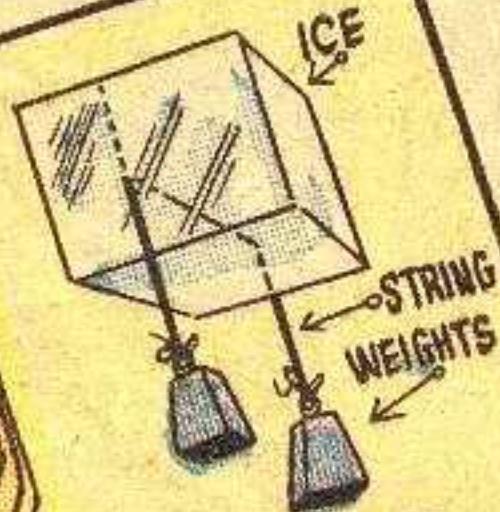
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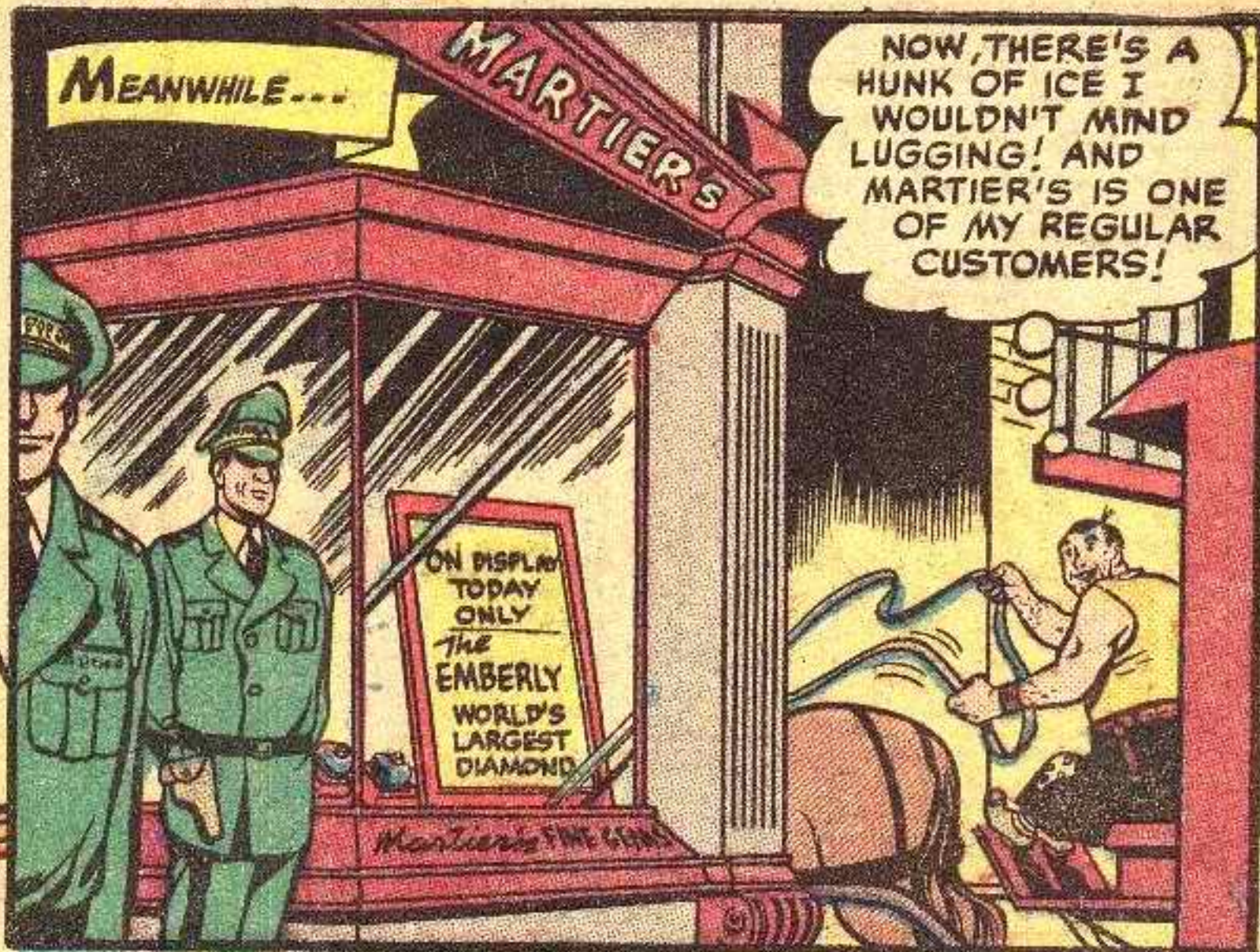


WE PAUSE NOW FOR A BRIEF LESSON IN PHYSICS...



ANY WARM OBJECT PLACED ON ICE WILL MELT ITS WAY CLEAR THROUGH LEAVING THE ICE REFROZEN ABOVE IT.

MEANWHILE...



NOW, THERE'S A HUNK OF ICE I WOULDN'T MIND LUGGING! AND MARTIER'S IS ONE OF MY REGULAR CUSTOMERS!

AWRIGHT, YOU! WHERE D'YUH THINK YOU'RE GOIN'?

WHERE DO YOU THINK I'M GOING, STUPID? TO A CHOWDER-PULLER'S BALL?

MARTIER SERVICE ENTRANCE



I'M DELIVERING ICE TO THE COOLING SYSTEM! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MR. MARTIER?

HEAVENS, YES, OFFICERS! HE'S LATE NOW AND MY CUSTOMERS ARE SIMPLY PERSPIRING! DON'T BOTHER HIM!



WOW! WHAT A GORGEOUS PIECE OF ICE! HOW'LL YOU TRADE, BUB?

AW, FREEZE YER TEETH AND GIVE YER TONGUE A SLEIGH-RIDE, WISE GUY!



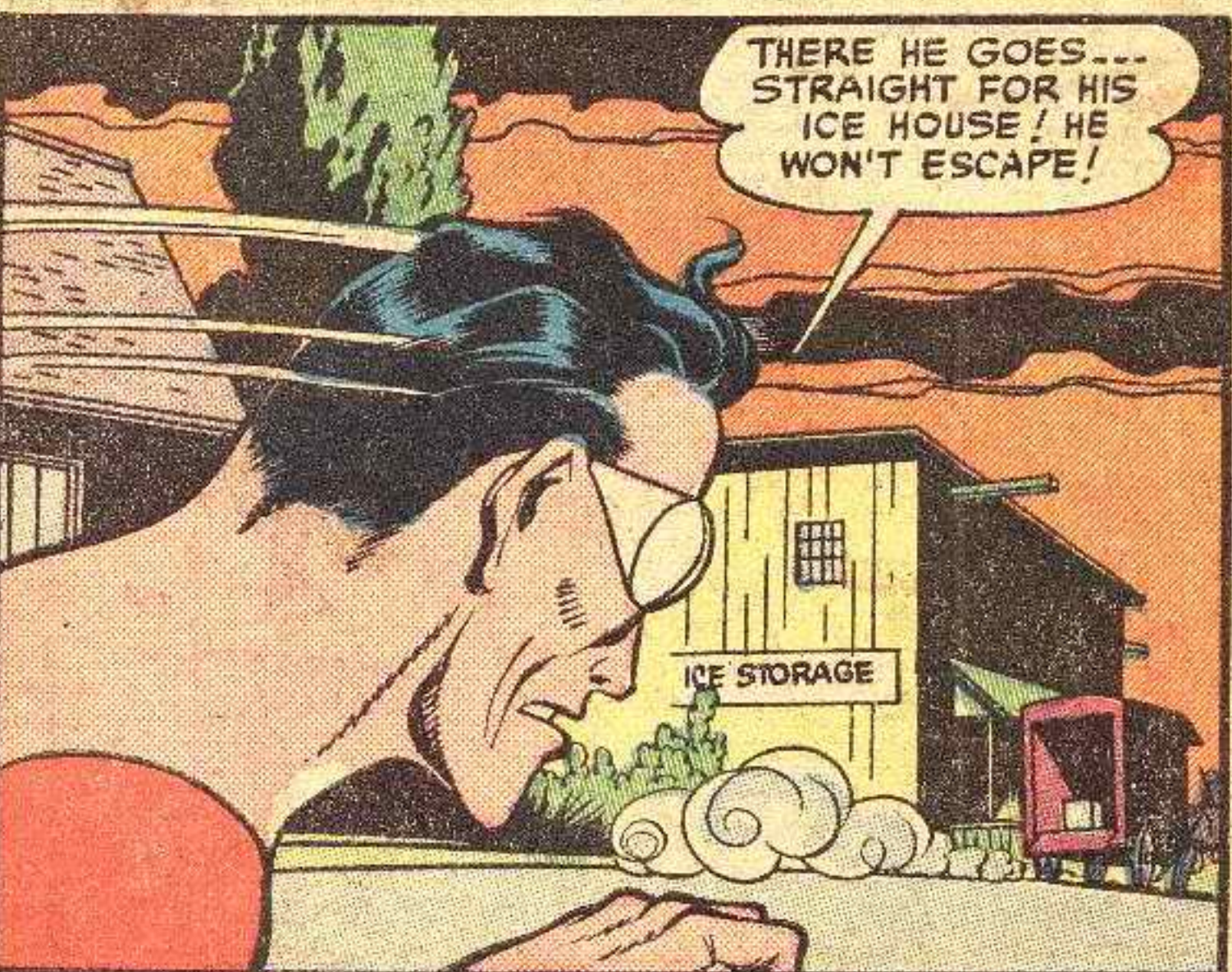
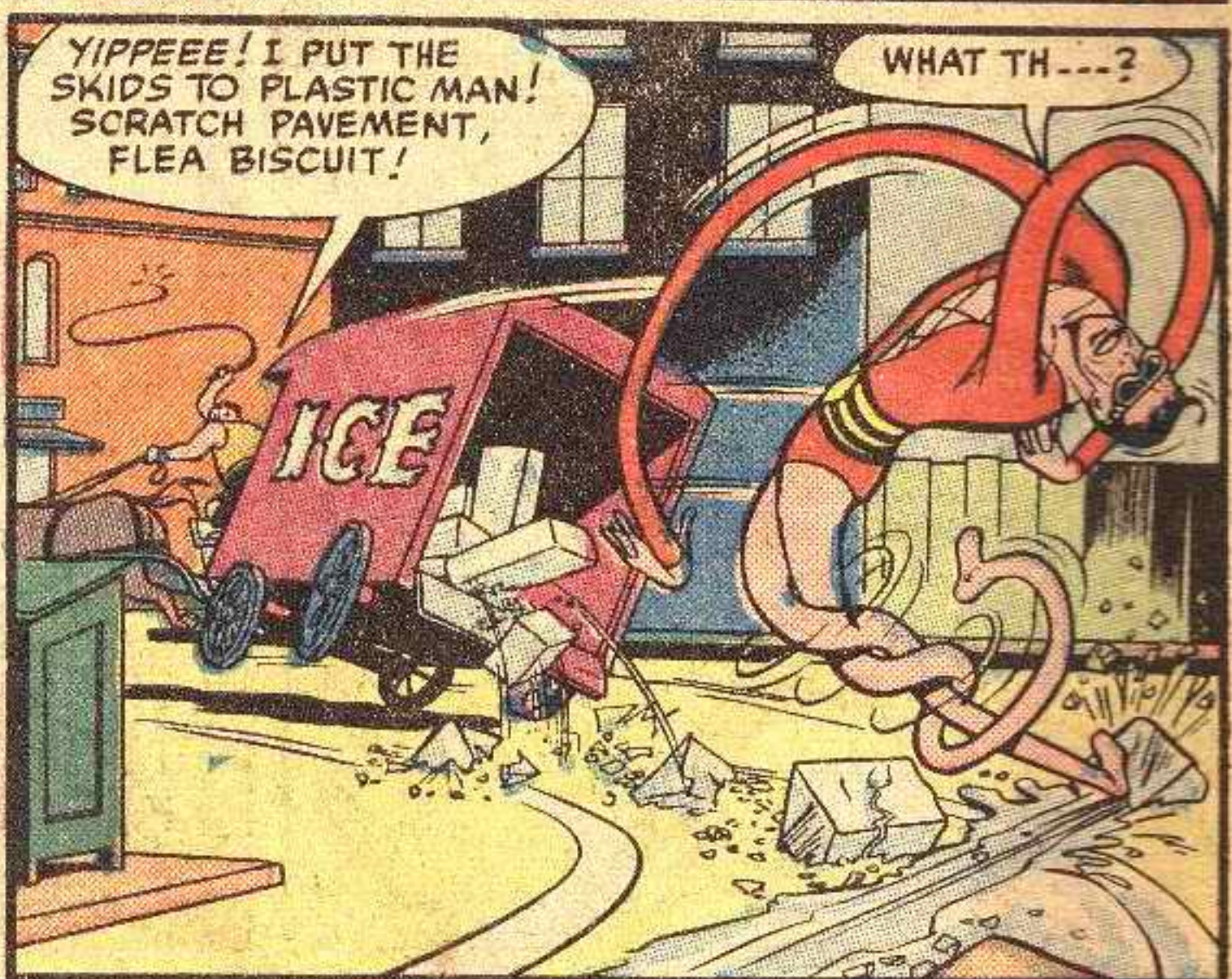
A FAIR EXCHANGE IS NO ROBBERY! I TAKE ICE IN, I TAKE ICE OUT!



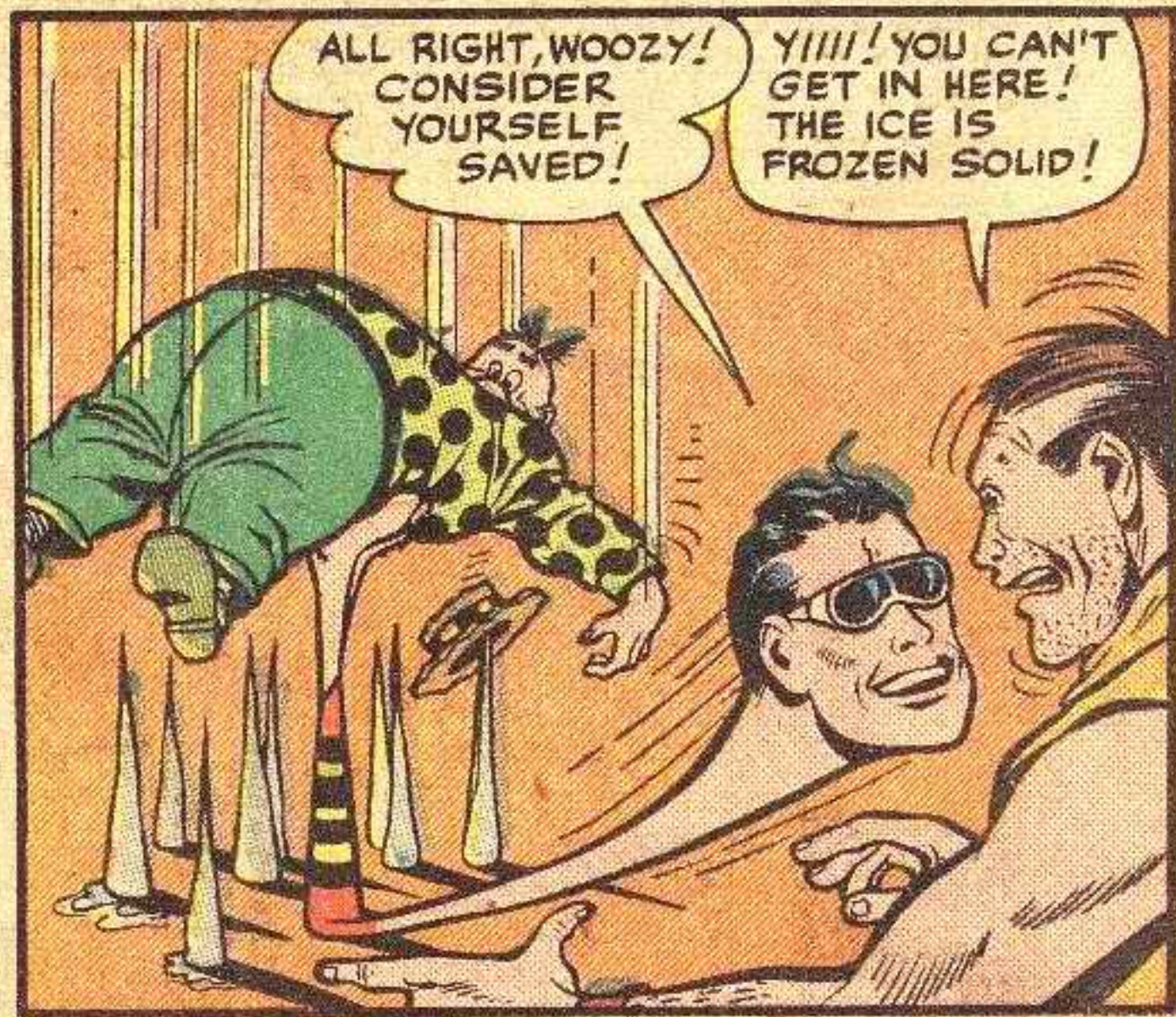
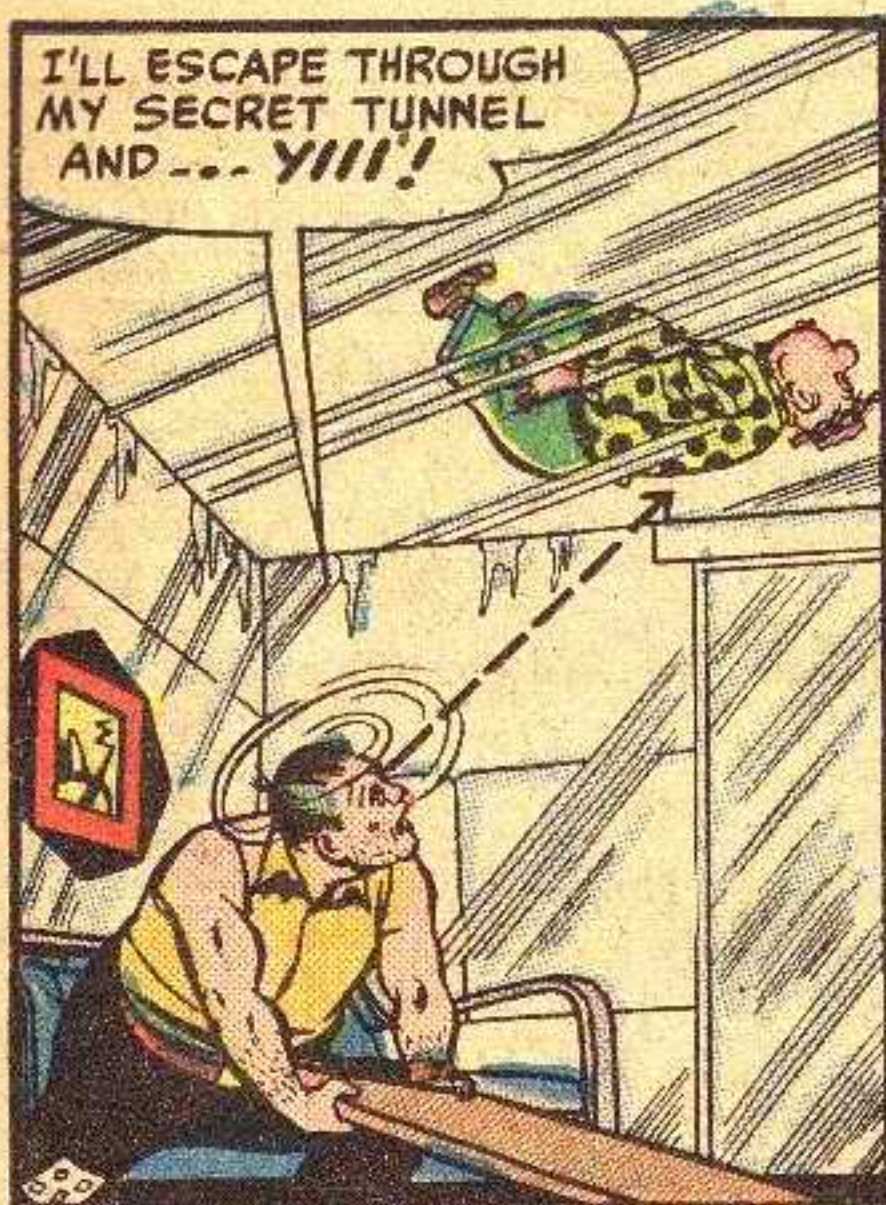
NOT BAD SCULPTURING! I'VE BEEN USING AN ICE PICK SO LONG I KNOW JUST HOW TO JAB!



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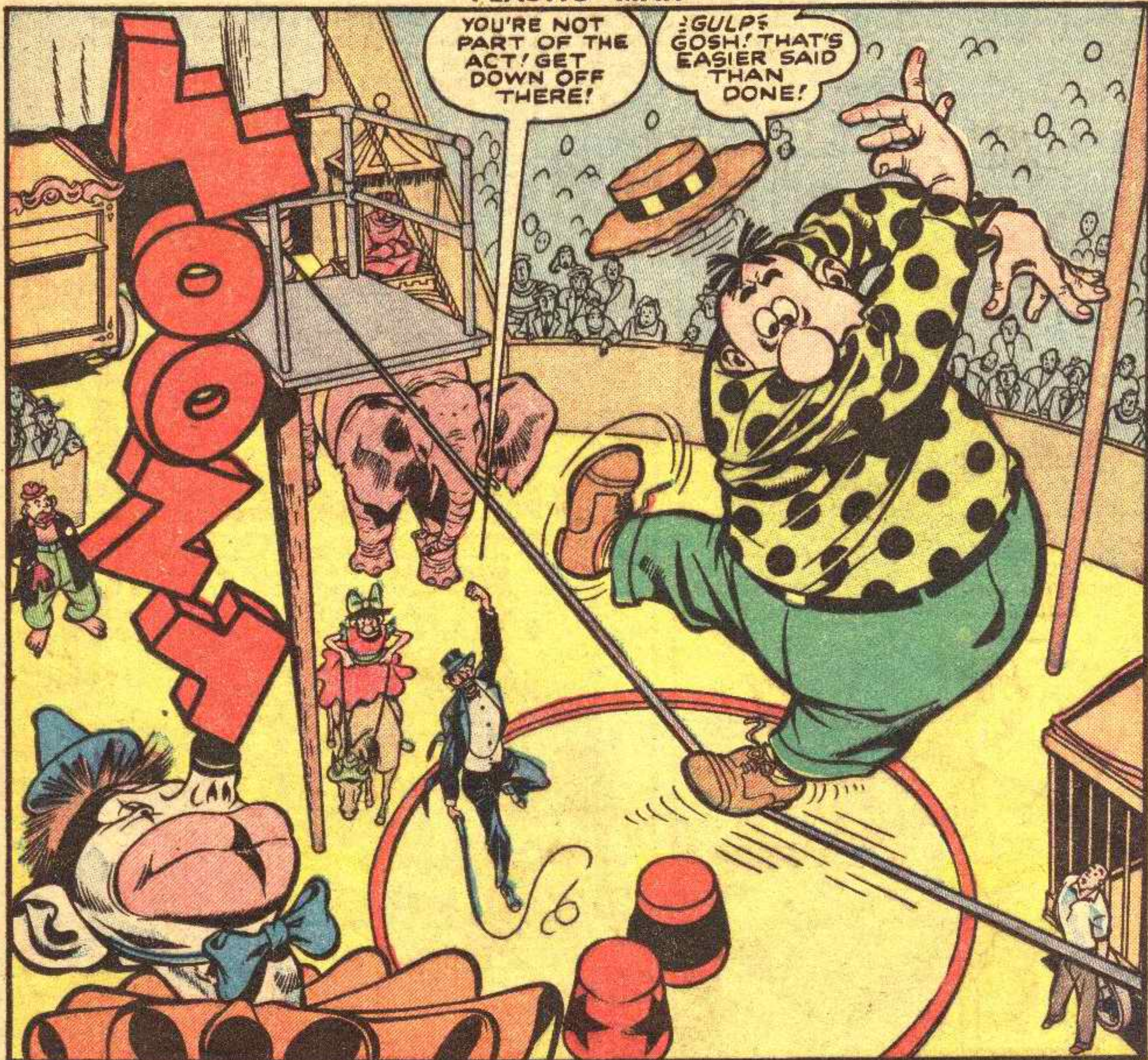
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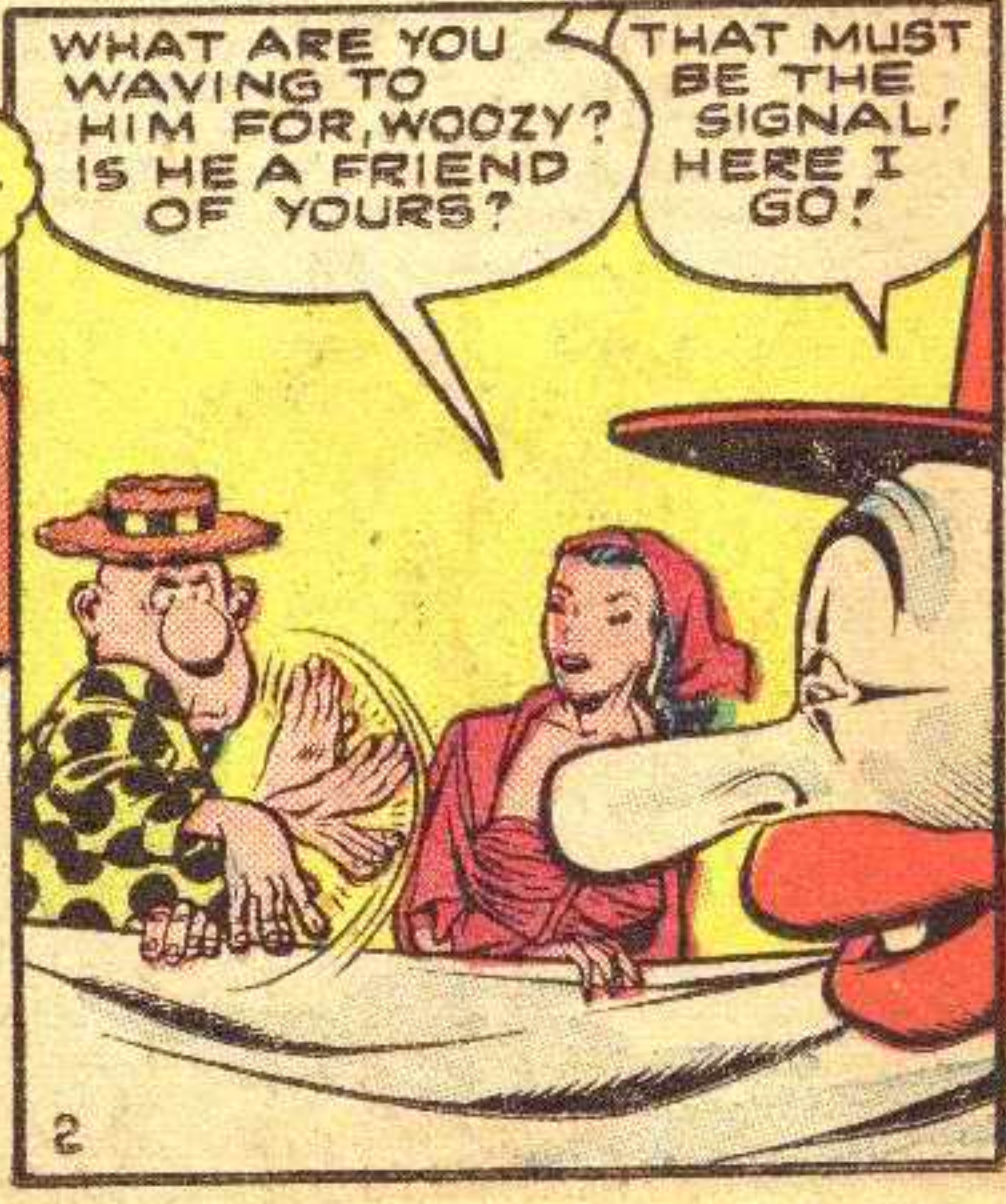
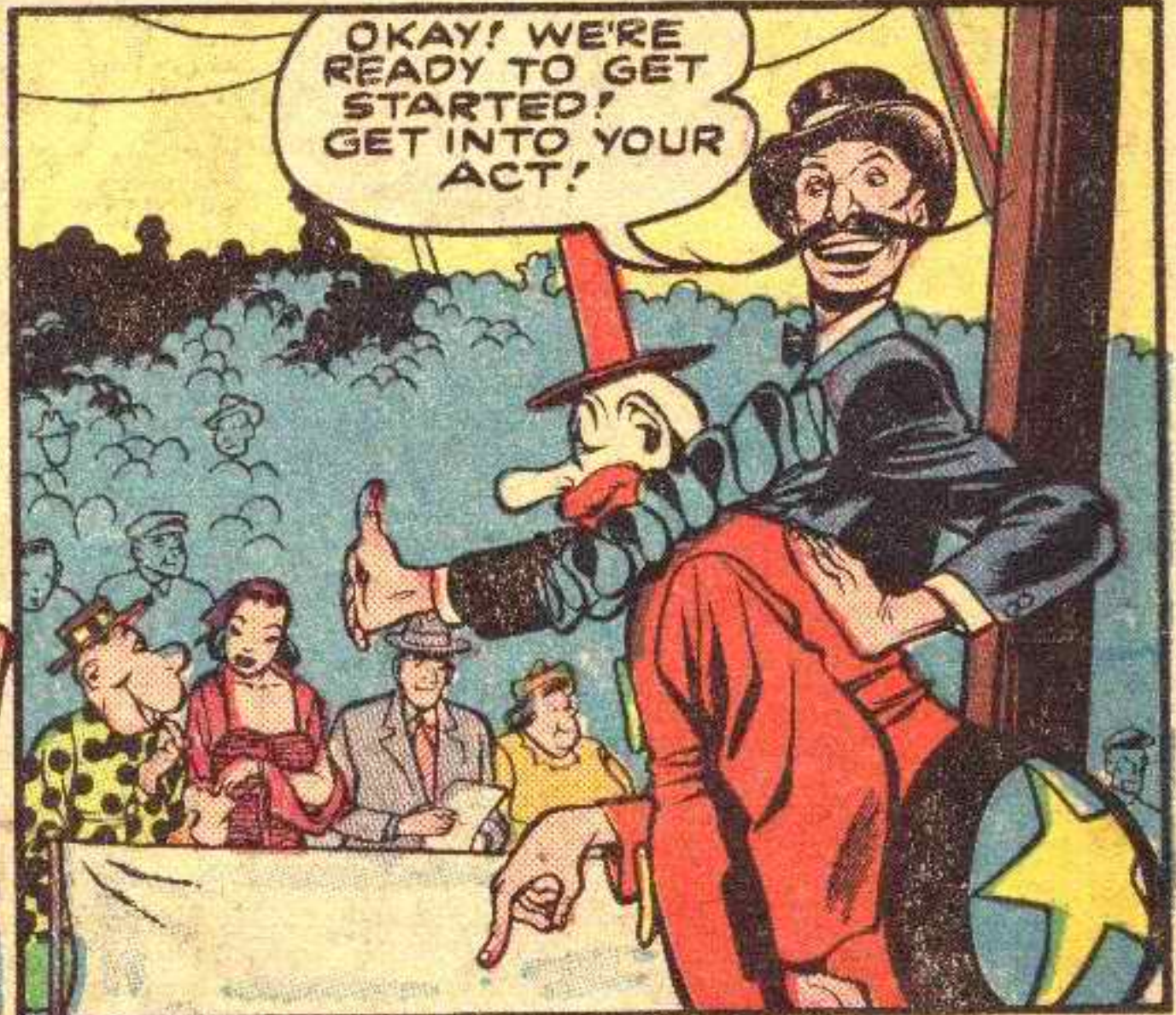
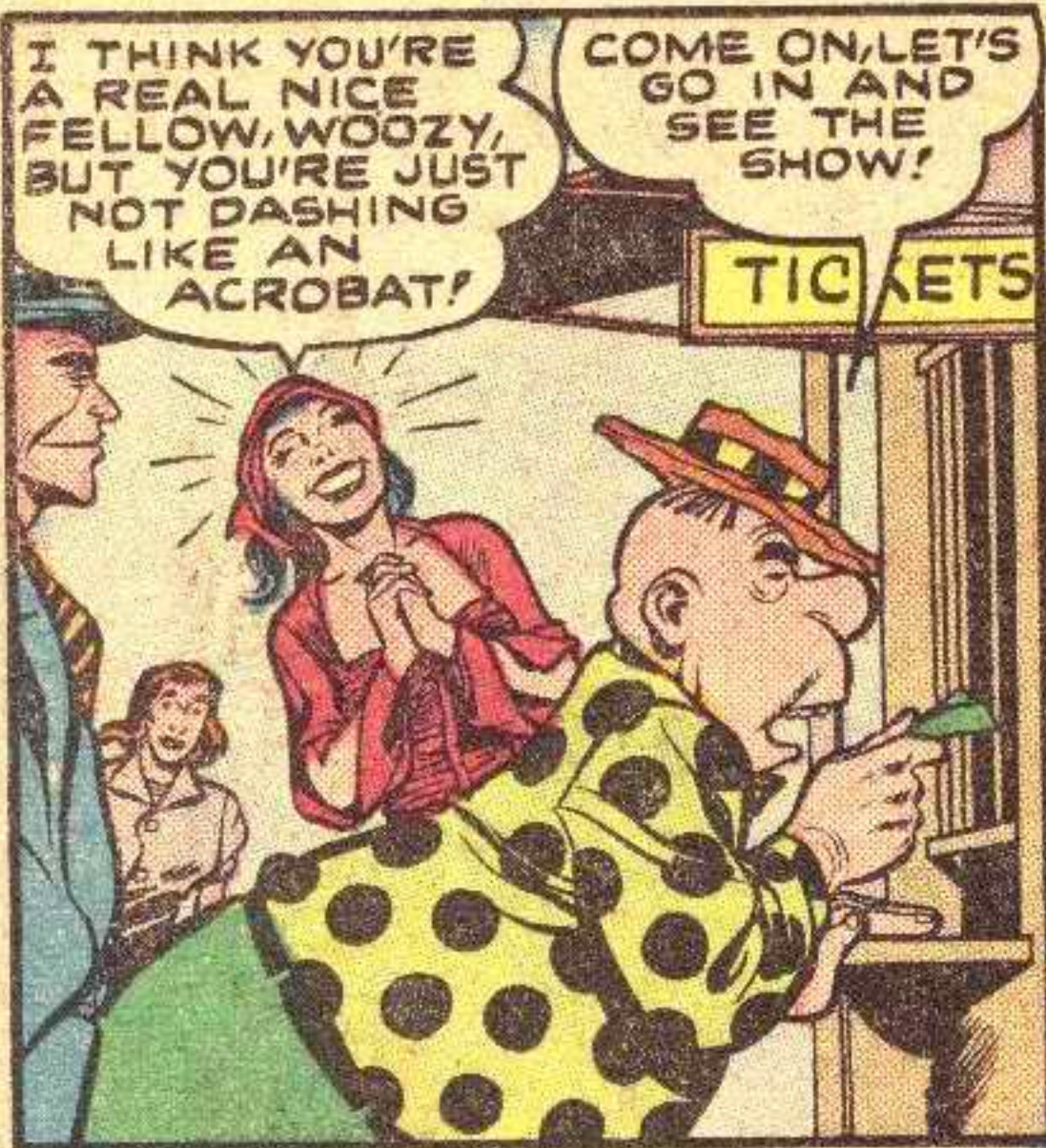


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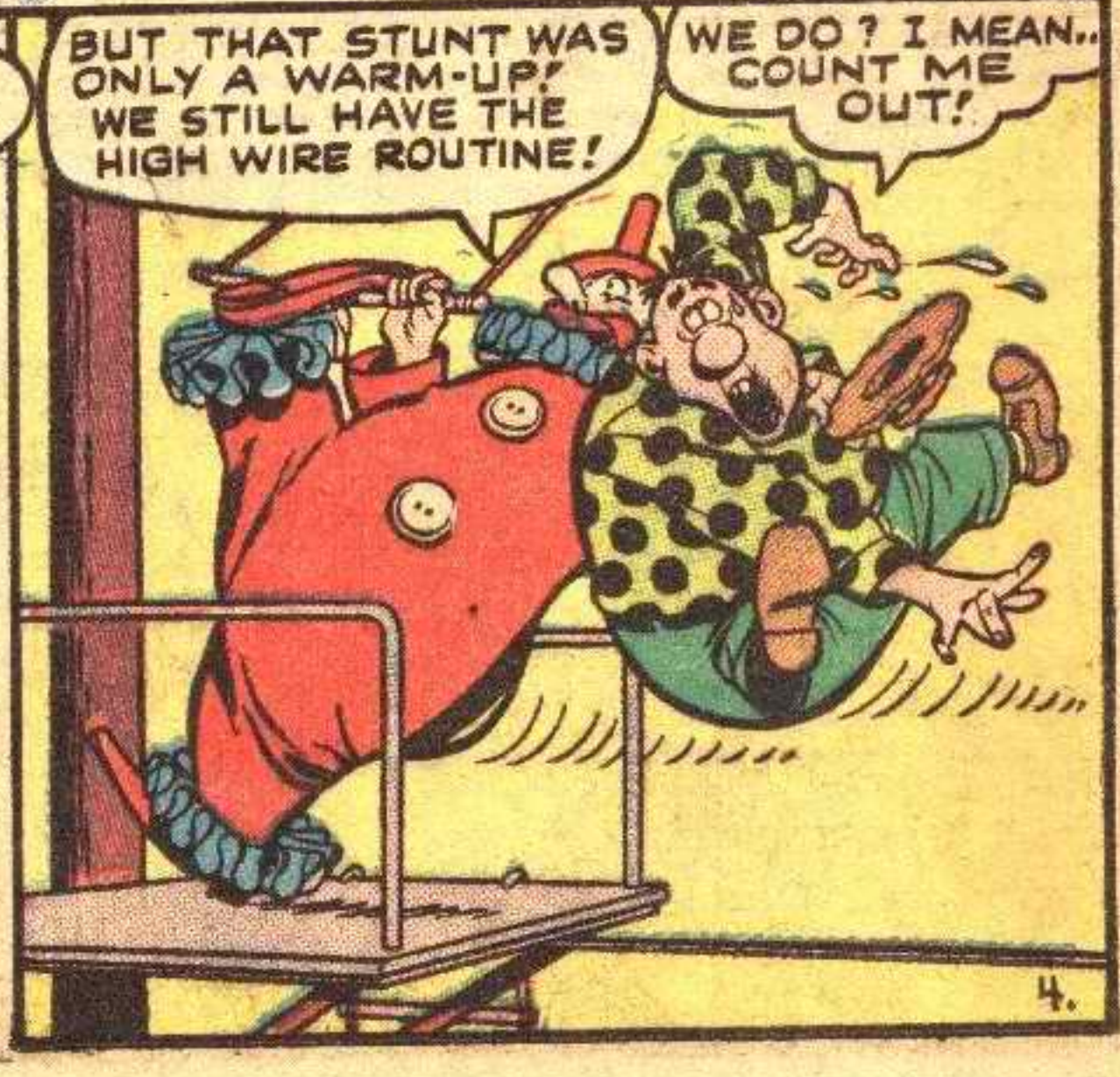
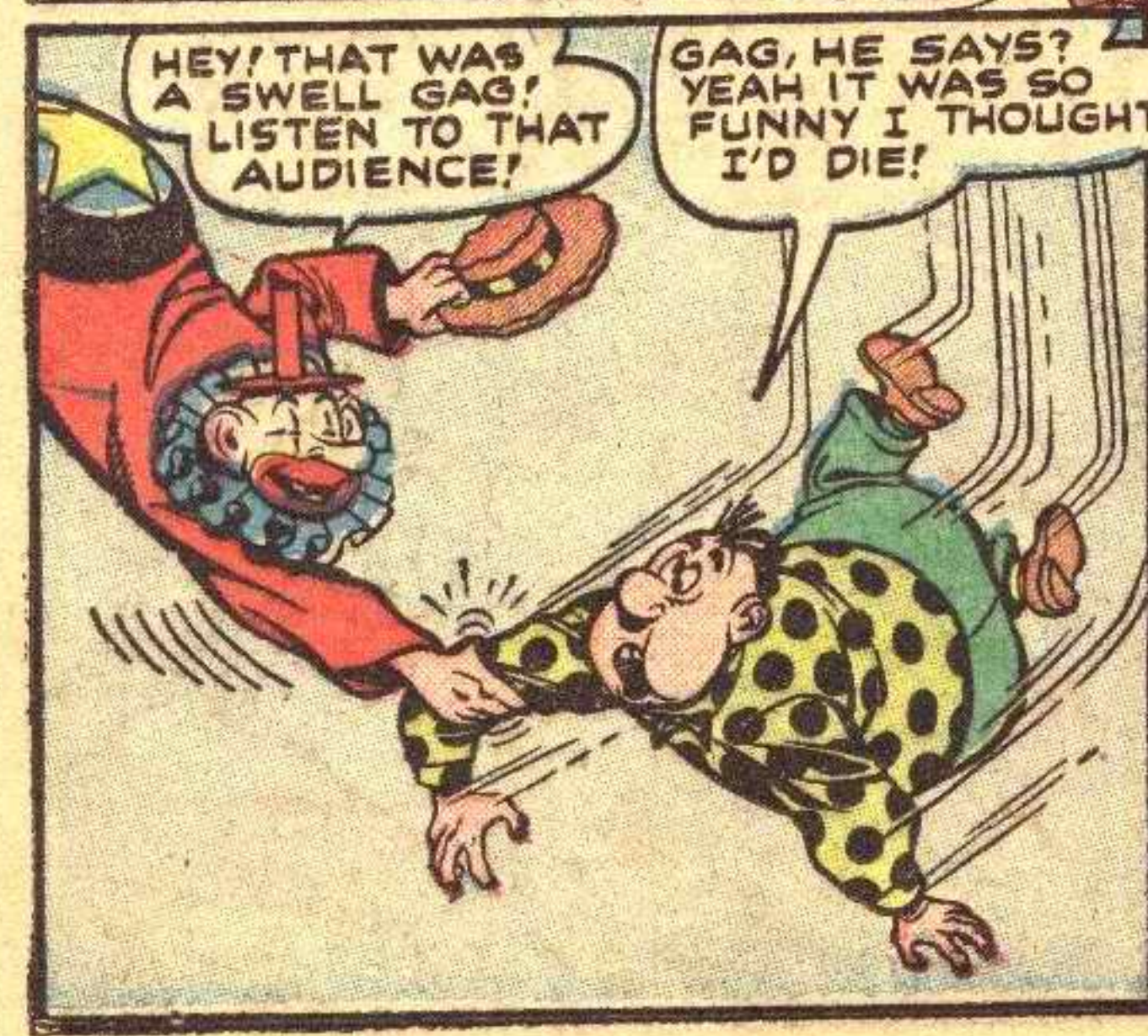
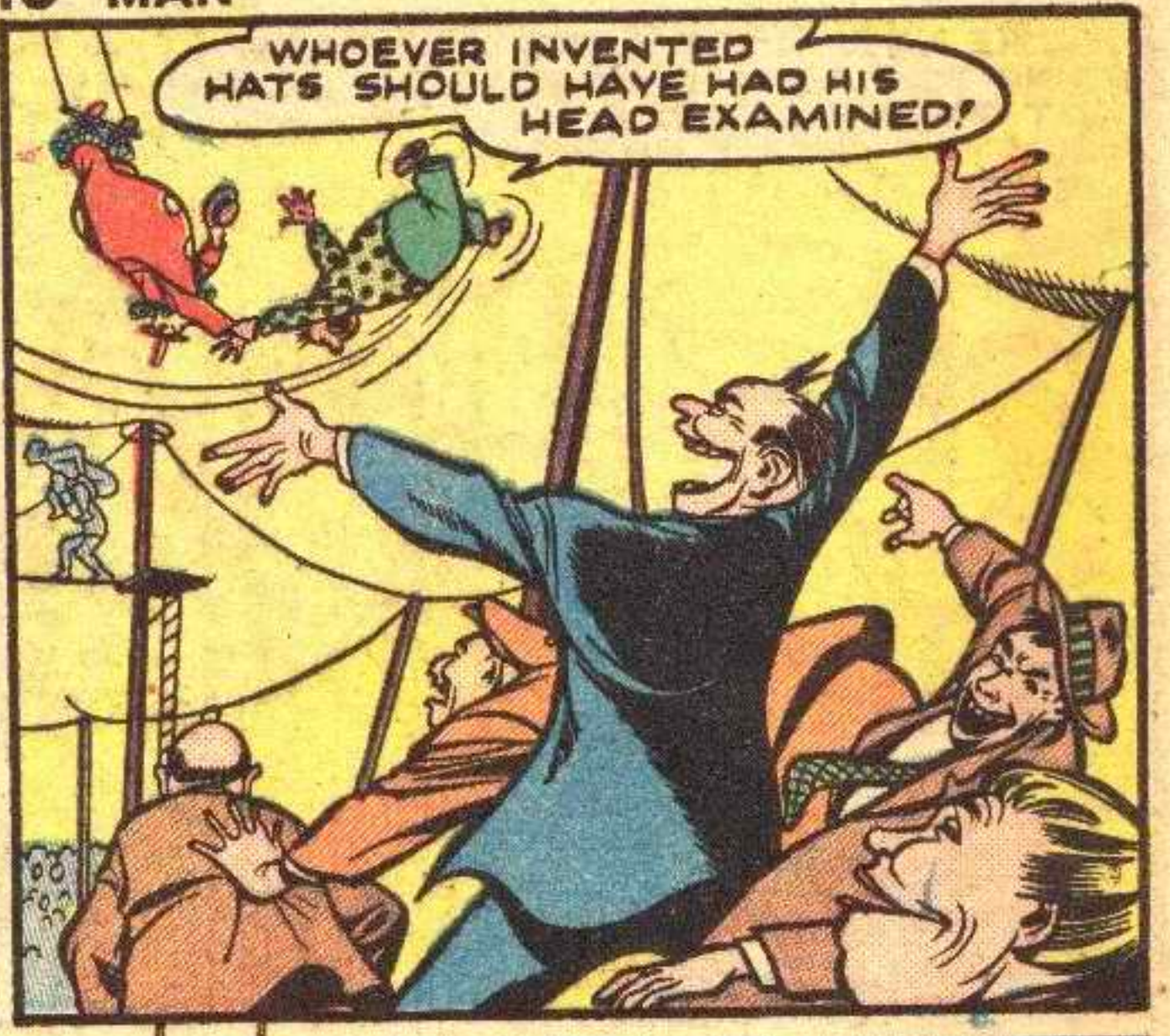
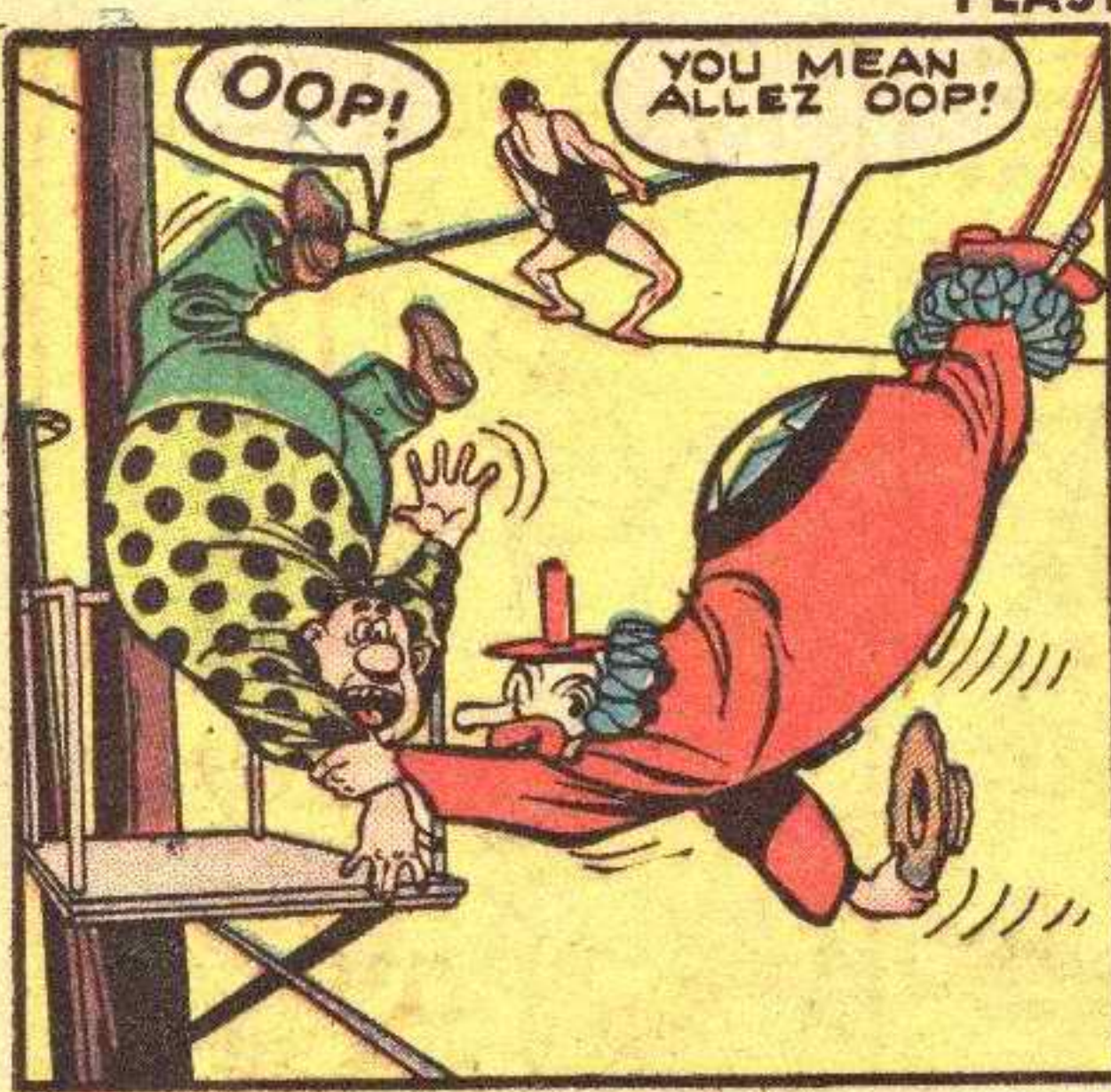
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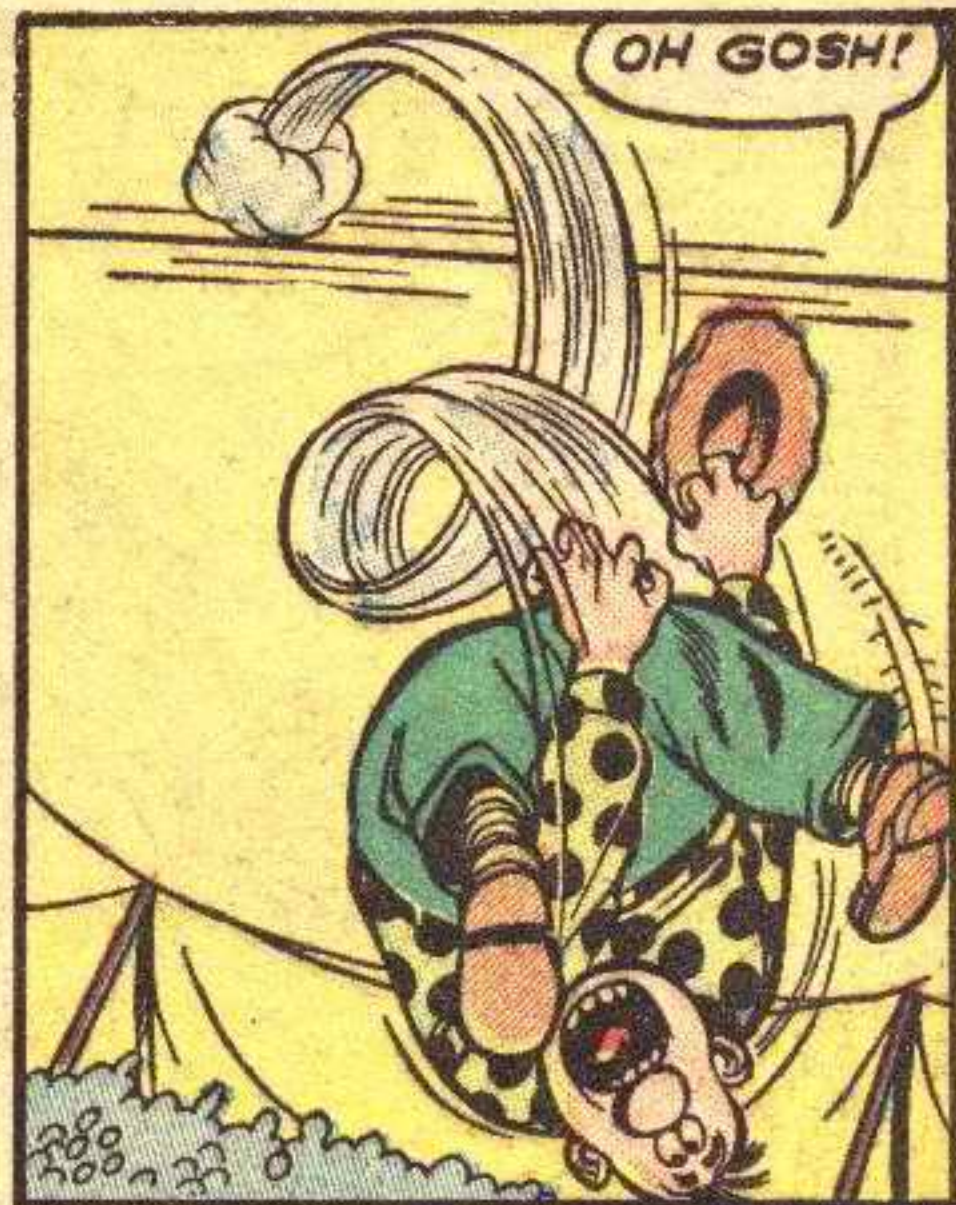
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IT AIN'T VERY GOOD FOR MY NERVOUS SYSTEM!



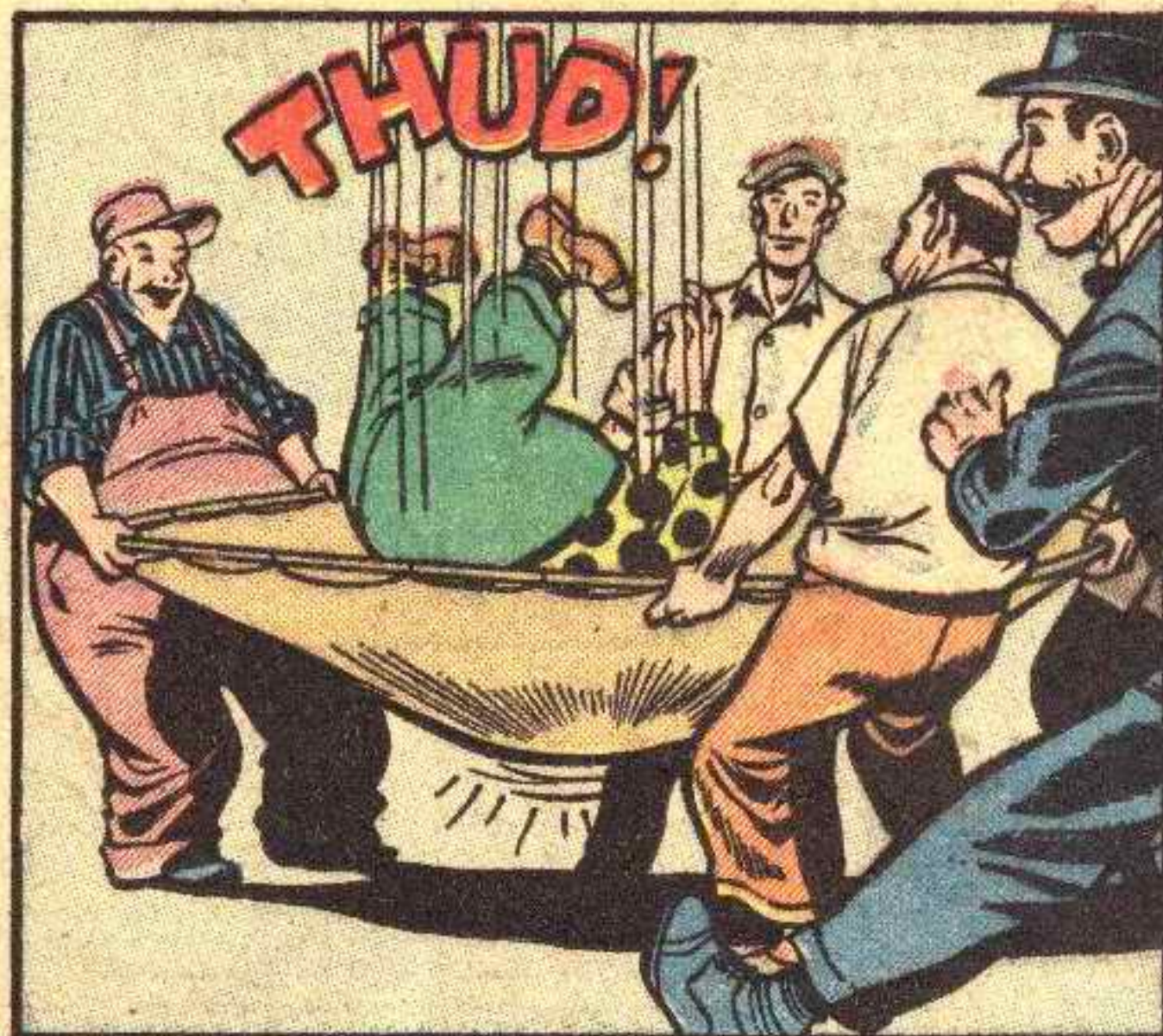
TAKE YOUR OWN ADVICE!



OH GOSH!



WELL THIS IS MAKING SOMEBODY FEEL GOOD... ONLY I WISH IT WAS ME!



THUD!



IT WASN'T EXACTLY SPINE-TINGLING! IT WAS ALMOST BACK-BREAKING!

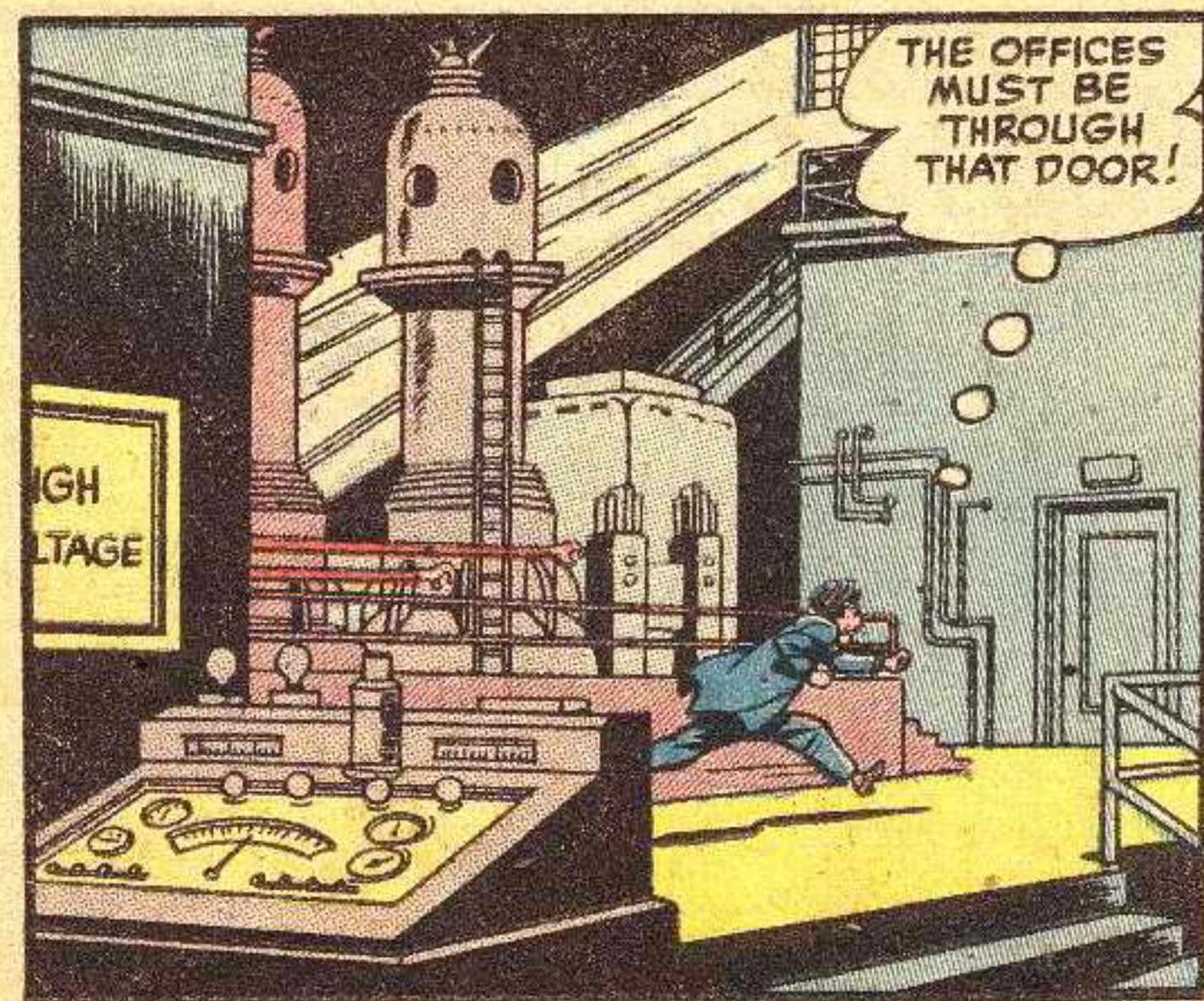


FRANKLY NEITHER DID I?

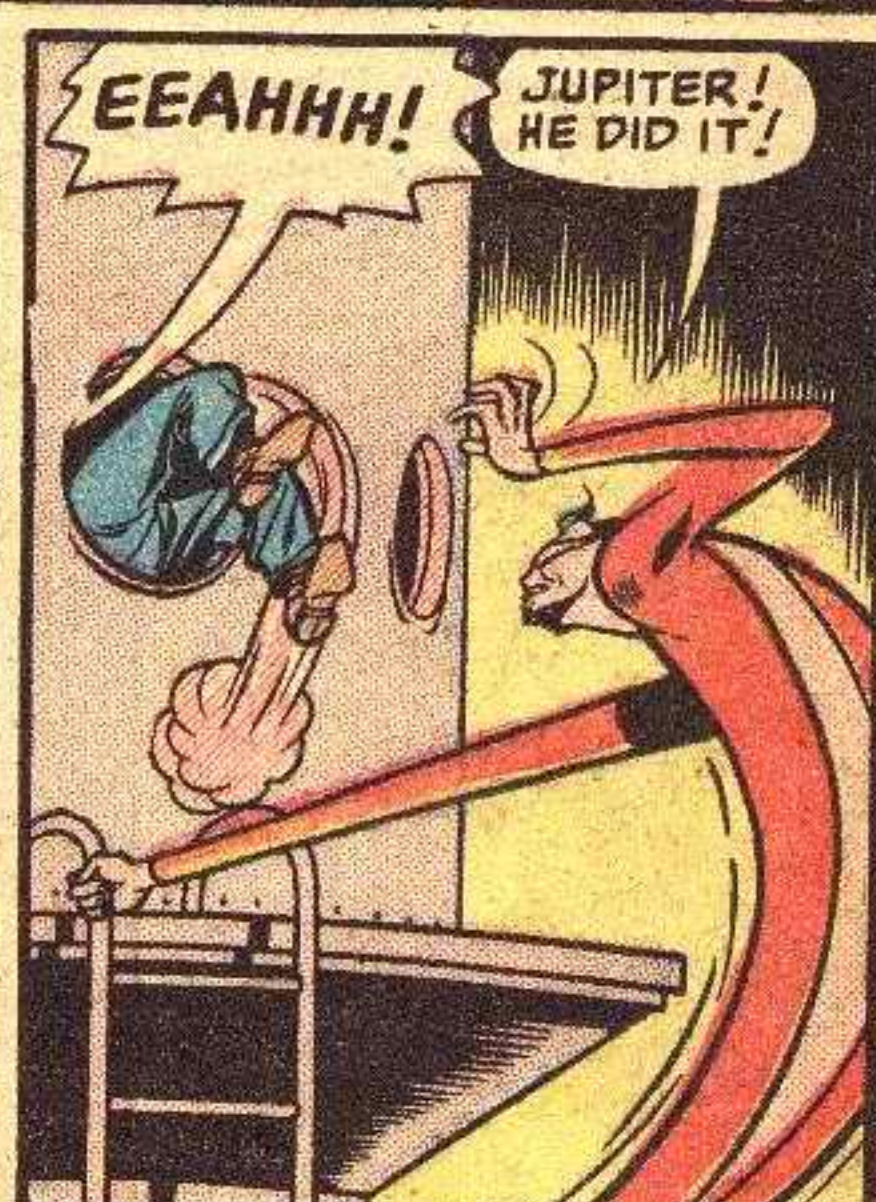
GOSH, WOOLY! I NEVER KNEW YOU COULD BE SO BRAVE!



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IT ISN'T EASY TO AIM AT A BOUNCING BALL, KROTZ!



LOOK! THE PLANT'S MASCOT! MAYBE SHE'LL BRING US LUCK!

JUST WHAT I NEED TO EXPERIMENT WITH MY POWERS!



HA! HA! IT WORKS! THE CAT IS DEAD!



WE'RE DONE FOR, PLASTIC MAN! KROTZ'S RADIOACTIVE WEAPON WORKED ON THE CAT! IT'LL DO THE SAME ON US!

IF WE STICK AROUND--- WHICH I DON'T INTEND TO DO! HOLD TIGHT!



I'LL GET YOU YET, KROTZ! BUT FIRST I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW ONE BUCKS YOUR NEW WEAPON!

A THOUSAND CURSES! I MISSED!



ALL RIGHT! MAYBE YOU GOT AWAY! BUT WITH THE POWER I HAVE NOW YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP ME FROM ACCOMPLISHING MY MISSION!



YOU TWO GO HOME NOW! I'LL GO BACK TO THE PLANT AND GET KROTZ! I'LL FIGURE OUT HOW ON MY WAY!

HE'LL KILL YOU, PLASTIC MAN! DON'T DO IT!

PLASTIC MAN



BUT I MUST TAKE THE CHANCE! WHAT ABOUT THOSE PLANS KROTZ IS AFTER?

HE WON'T GET THEM! WE TOOK SO MANY PRE-CAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEM THAT WE FINALLY DECIDED NOT TO KEEP THEM IN THE SAME PLANT WHERE THEY WERE BEING USED! I HAVE THEM IN MY SAFE AT HOME!



HMM! LET ME THINK!



ONE DAY GOES BY---

JUST LOOK AT THOSE HEADLINES! MORE KILLINGS EVERY HOUR! NOBODY CAN GET A SHOT AT HIM BEFORE HE LETS LOOSE HIS RAYS!



WHEN I HEAR OF THOSE INNOCENT PEOPLE DYING BECAUSE OF THAT MONSTER MY HEART FEELS LIKE LEAD!



I'VE GOT IT! I'M SURE GLAD YOU SAID THAT, CHIEF!

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



IT'S DR. FIBO! MR. FISSION JUST CALLED HIM TO SAY HE'S NARROWED HIS SEARCH FOR THE PLANS DOWN TO DR. FIBO'S HOME! FIBO KNEW MR. FISSION WAS LOOKING FOR HIM TO MAKE SOME STARTLED REPLY THAT WOULD GIVE HIM AWAY---AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED!

THEN MR. FISSION WILL BE THERE VERY SOON!



OF COURSE! I'D BETTER SEND SOME MEN DOWN TO GET THE PLANS OUT OF DR. FIBO'S HOUSE!

NO! DON'T! MR. FISSION'S TIMING COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BETTER! LEAVE IT ALL TO ME!

PLASTIC MAN

A FEW HOURS LATER AT THE HOME OF DR. FIBO...

MY THREATS WORKED! FIBO DID NOT DARE HAVE ANYBODY HERE WITH HIM! AND EVEN IF SOMEBODY IS HIDING I CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM EASILY!



ALL RIGHT, FIBO, SPEAK UP! WHERE ARE THE PLANS?

IN THAT FILING CABINET, MR. FISSION!



HA! HA! I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THAT NAME! I RATHER LIKE IT!



NOW TO CROWN MY EFFORTS! MY GOVERNMENT WILL DECORATE ME FOR THIS!



SLAM!

EEEEOW!

I WOULDN'T BE TOO SURE OF THOSE DECORATIONS, MR. FISSION! NOTICE THAT YOUR HANDS ARE NOW UNABLE TO AIM ANY DEATH DEALING RAYS! AT ME!



YEEEEOW!

AND THE SAME GOES FOR YOUR LEGS, MR. FISSION!



PLASTIC MAN! YIPE!

IN THE FLESH! OR SHOULD I SAY LEAD?



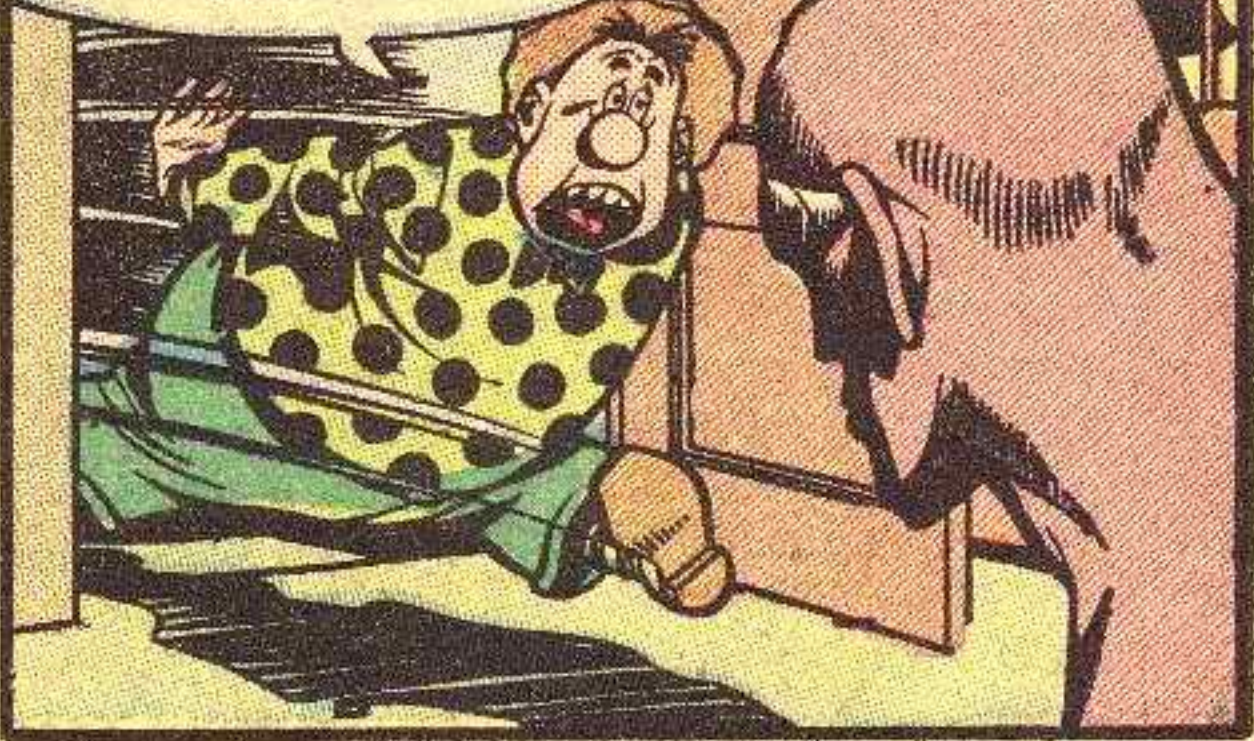
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YOU DID A SENSATIONAL JOB, PLASTIC MAN! MR. FISSION COULDN'T HARM A FLY THROUGH THAT SACK YOU'VE MADE!

PLAS! PLAS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? THE CHIEF WOULDN'T TELL ME WHERE YOU WERE BUT I KNEW YOU MUST BE AFTER MR. FISSION AND I THOUGHT YOU'D BE KILLED SO I JUST BROKE DOWN!

I SEE! THE CHIEF'S HEART MELTED AND HE TOLD YOU I WAS HERE!

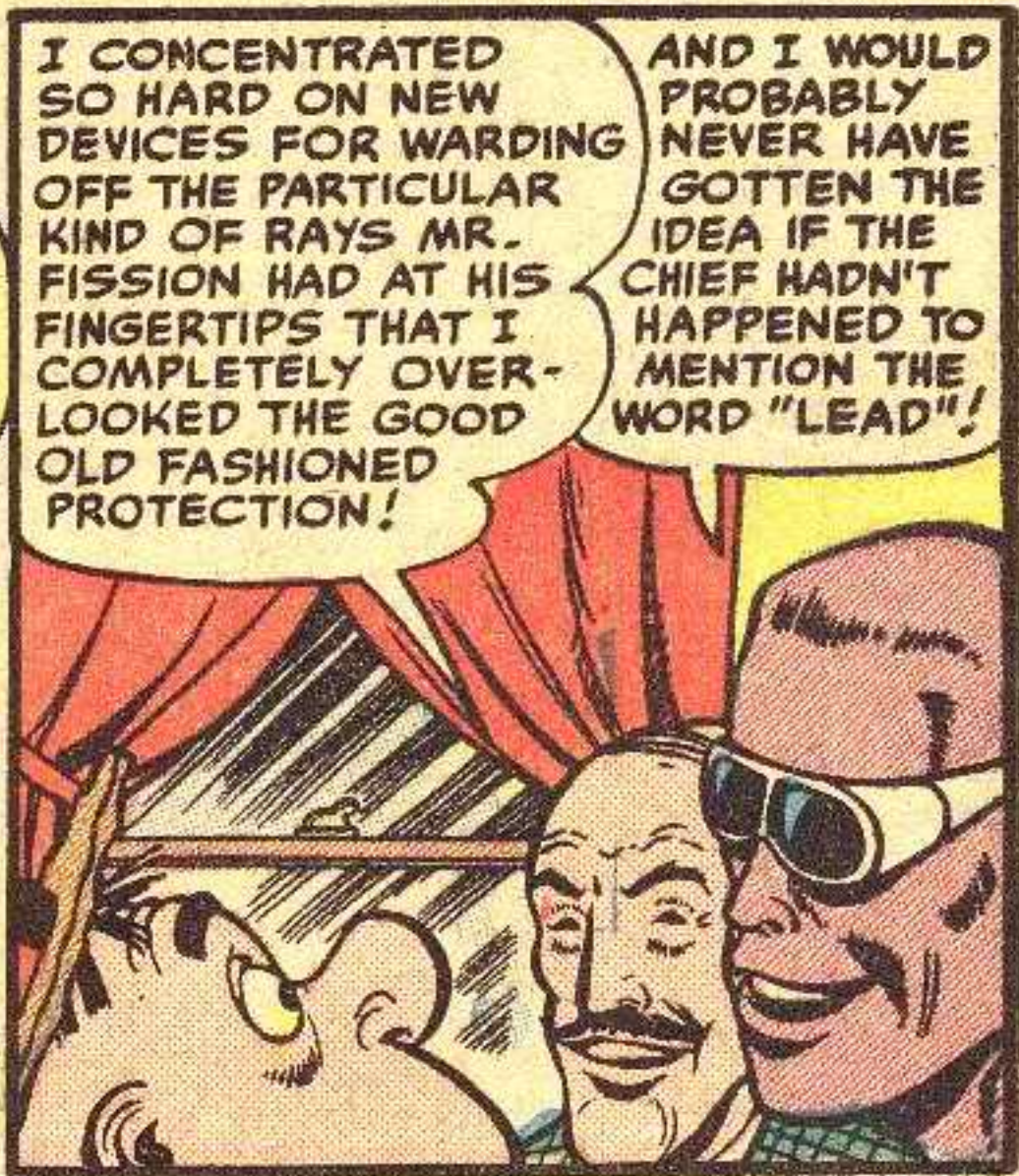


THAT'S RIGHT! AND I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE STILL SAFE! LET MR. FISSION TURN UP NOW IF HE DARES! I'LL HELP YOU NAB HIM! I'M NOT AFRAID!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE! I HAVE MR. FISSION WRAPPED UP RIGHT HERE!

GOLLY! IT MUST HAVE BEEN A TOUGH FIGHT THOUGH! YOU LOOK GRAY WITH EXHAUSTION!

THAT GRAY, WOOLY, IS LEAD! PLASTIC MAN GOT THE IDEA OF COVERING HIMSELF WITH IT AS A SHIELD AGAINST THE ATOMIC RADIATION!



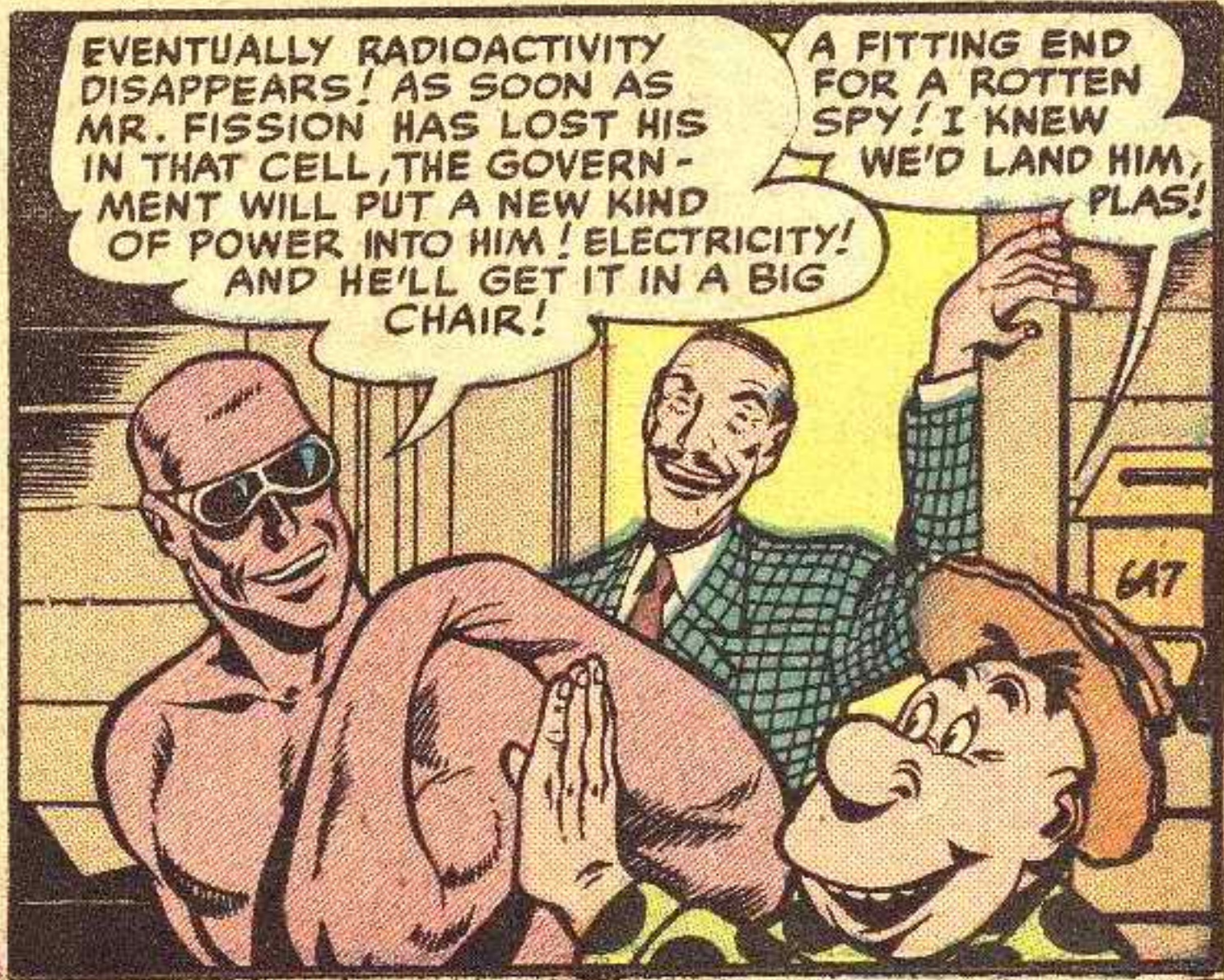
I CONCENTRATED SO HARD ON NEW DEVICES FOR WARDING OFF THE PARTICULAR KIND OF RAYS MR. FISSION HAD AT HIS FINGERTIPS THAT I COMPLETELY OVERLOOKED THE GOOD OLD FASHIONED PROTECTION!

AND I WOULD PROBABLY NEVER HAVE GOTTEN THE IDEA IF THE CHIEF HADN'T HAPPENED TO MENTION THE WORD "LEAD"!



THAT'S ALL VERY FINE! BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PUT HIM IN JAIL? HE'LL KILL ALL THE GUARDS WITH HIS RAYS!

I'VE ALREADY ARRANGED TO HAVE A LEAD LINED CELL CONSTRUCTED! IT SHOULD BE READY NOW!



EVENUALLY RADIOACTIVITY DISAPPEARS! AS SOON AS MR. FISSION HAS LOST HIS IN THAT CELL, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PUT A NEW KIND OF POWER INTO HIM! ELECTRICITY! AND HE'LL GET IT IN A BIG CHAIR!

A FITTING END FOR A ROTTEN SPY! I KNEW WE'D LAND HIM, PLAS!

JUNGLE GOD

WEIRD rumors were afloat among the natives! Strange tales in varying degrees of credibility! Some told of a monster so horrible in appearance that strong men fell trembling in terror at the sight! Others said it was an evil spirit which emerged each night from Satan's world below and brought death and disaster to all who dared to defy it! But to the hostile Bonga tribe, he was a jungle god who emerged each day at dusk and demanded homage! And for fear of displeasing him and bringing his wrath down upon them, they heaped up offerings of food and obeyed his every command!

"Well, at least he's accomplished something if he has the Bongas under control," grinned Duke Andrews as he listened intently to accounts of the bizarre being or beast or whatever it was that had wrought such a disturbance among the inhabitants of the interior! "The Bongas have always been the most savage people in the Amazon country!"

"I'm going up there," he said suddenly to his friend and informer Rex Benson! "My purpose here is to get a series of magazine articles on native life! And I can't think of a better bet for a real thriller!"

"Turning explorer, huh?" smiled Benson. "That's my racket! And an inexperienced guy like you wouldn't stand a chance of coming out alive! But I've been curious enough to consider making the excursion myself! So what say we take the gamble together?"

It was without doubt a gamble when you took into account the number of adventure seekers who had gone into the jungle country and never returned! There had been Jamison and Albright and Stevens! And only a few months before, one of the most daring explorers of all time had disappeared so mysteriously that his party returned without the slightest clue to his fate and he had not been heard of again. Ralph Lardner had been the last man in the world expected to meet with foul play because of his knack at handling tribal languages and his thorough acquaintance with native customs!

Preparing for the journey presented numerous problems to Andrews and Benson and foremost among them was the fact that native guides refused to go into that part of the Bonga country where the terrible creature made his nightly appearances and ruled with an unrighteous hand! And it was not only the fear of the fabled spirit itself but also the dread of being captured by the ruthless Bongas who were no more friendly to other native tribes than to white men! Their methods of dealing with intruders were described as merciless and gruesome!

But finally, after paying large sums of money and promising gifts of value, they made up a party and started up the Amazon! It took days for the trip,

rugged days on the river and nights of sleeping on the hard banks! Then, at last, they arrived at their destination and cleared space and made camp near the spot where the jungle god was supposed to hold forth!

It must have been their campfire which attracted the Bongas! Without a sound or an inkling that anyone was near, Andrews and Benson and their party were encircled and marched at the point of spears to the Bonga village! They were tied with vines until time for the tribal torture!

Andrews flashed a grim smile to Benson! "Guess the jig's up," he said. "Sorry if I influenced you to get into this mess! Sure too bad I can't write it up and get it out by carrier pigeon! Bet I'd get a good by-line!"

"And a few fine phrases in your obituary," added Benson!

Then suddenly a strange thing happened! The Bongas all dropped to their knees and rested their heads on the ground in humble obeisance and out of the jungle swamp emerged a figure so grotesque that Andrews and Benson stared! It was like a man with long whiskers of green slimy moss, hair in strings and full of leaves like the vines with which they were tied, splotches of mud on its face applied in such a way as to make it look like a ghastly spectre! Its clothes were of swamp grass and its stride was slow and sure!

"Anyway, I've seen it," thought Andrews. "And I don't wonder that the natives fear it! It's about the most revolting looking thing I ever saw!"

Then came its voice in a low, guttural monotone and speaking the native language. Andrews couldn't understand a word but he felt a keen sense of relief and gratitude when certain natives arose and freed him and Benson and the rest of their party and ushered them honorably back to their camp!

"What do you make of it?" he asked Benson at last after the Bongas had backed away, bowing!

"We'll soon find out," answered Benson, beckoning to where the fantastic figure was approaching, walking with steady steps and slow!

"Thank heaven, you got here," it said in English! "I told them to let you go free and they obeyed! I've had to pretend to be a god to survive among these savages! I've lived in a cave at the edge of the swamp and impressed them with this crazy costume!"

"But who are you?" queried Benson!

"I thought you knew and had come to my rescue! I'm Ralph Lardner! Let's leave right away!"

"Wow!" muttered Duke Andrews to himself. "What a story!"

PLASTIC MAN

NOW WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT A PAIR OF SHOES LIKE THIS?

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, PLASTIC MAN, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND THE ANSWER!

PLASTIC MAN
NEARLY LOSES
HIS FOOTING
WHEN HE GETS A
TOE-HOLD ON THE
STARTLING CASE
OF...
The HOLLOW HEELS!

AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF BUBBLE HEAD BREEL...

I'M READY, BUBBLE HEAD!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED
TO DO?

TAKE YOUR
SHOES OFF!

I DON'T GET IT!
FIRST YOU HIRE ME
TO DO A JOB FOR YOU
AND THAT'S ALL RIGHT
WITH ME, BUT WHY DO
I HAVE TO PLAY THE
BAREFOOT BOY?

YOU'RE GOING TO
MAKE A LITTLE
DELIVERY FOR ME!
AND THIS IS THE
WAY YOU'RE GOING
TO DO IT!



PLASTIC MAN



THE COPS ARE LOOKING FOR THIS JEWELRY AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T FIND IT!

HEY, THAT'S PRETTY SMART! YOU HIDE THE STUFF IN THE SHOES! I WEAR THE SHOES AND NOBODY CATCHES ON!



THAT'S THE PITCH! NOW PUT THESE ON AND GET OVER TO 619 HINDEMITH AVENUE!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING--- WHY HIRE ME? ONE OF YOUR OWN BOYS COULD DO THE JOB!

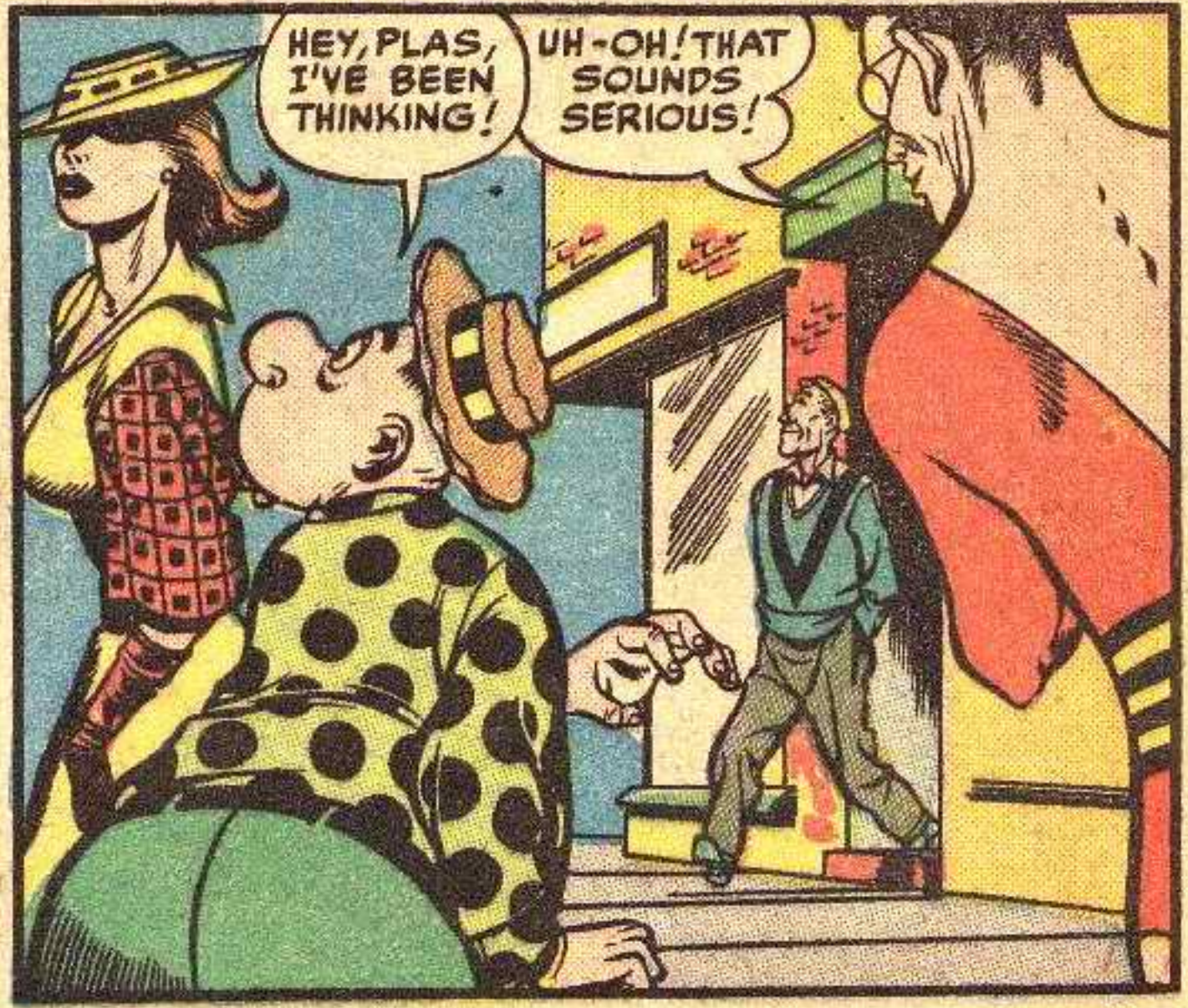


MY BOYS ARE BUSY FIXING UP THE SHOES!



OKAY, BUBBLE HEAD, I'M ON MY WAY!

GET RIGHT OVER THERE! THEY'RE WAITING FOR THE STUFF!



HEY, PLAS, I'VE BEEN THINKING!

UH-OH! THAT SOUNDS SERIOUS!



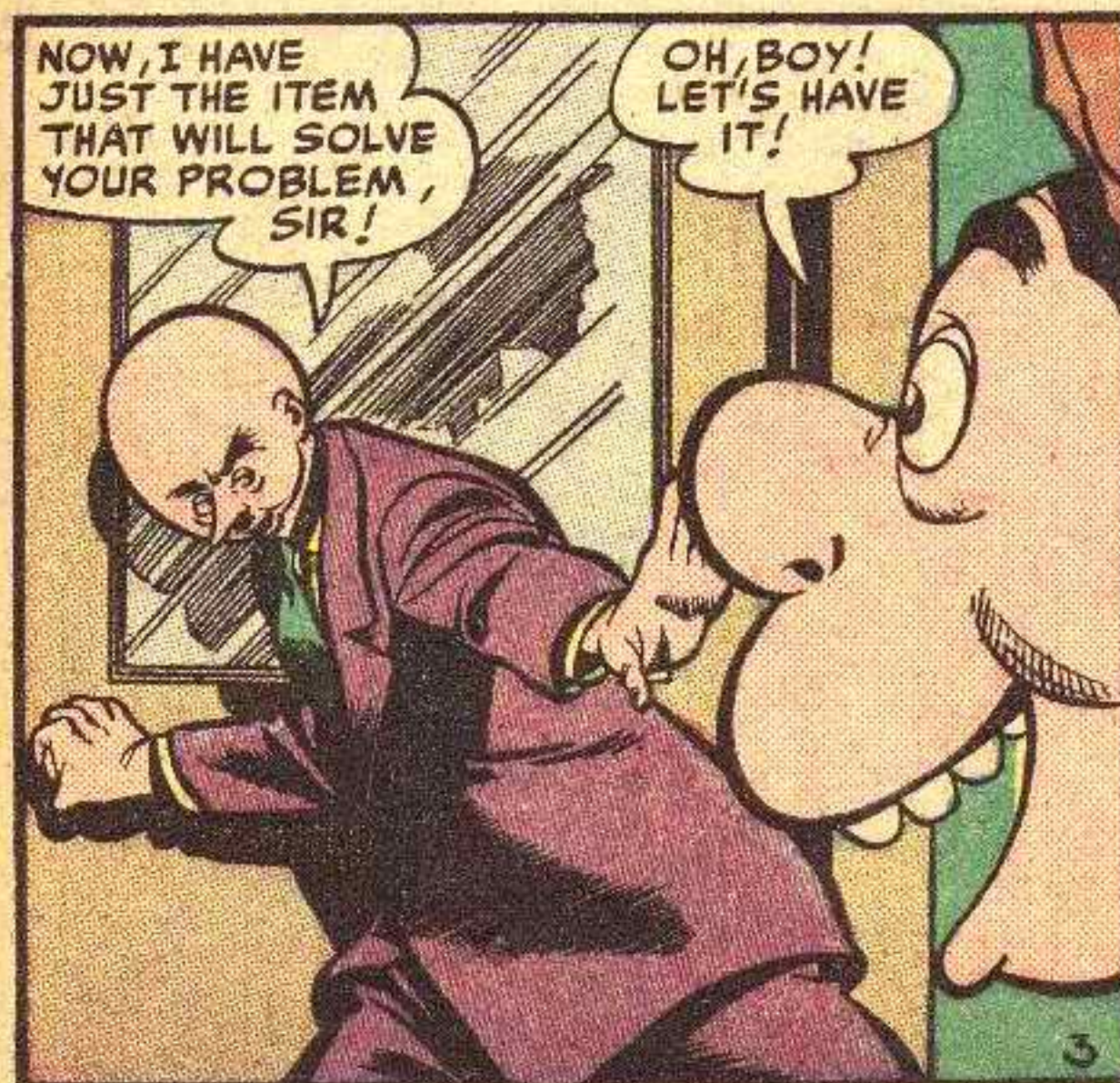
I THINK THAT IF I WERE TWO INCHES TALLER, PEOPLE WOULD LOOK UP TO ME MORE!

I FORGOT TO ASK BUBBLE HEAD WHAT HE WAS PAYING ME FOR THIS JOB! I BETTER GO BACK!

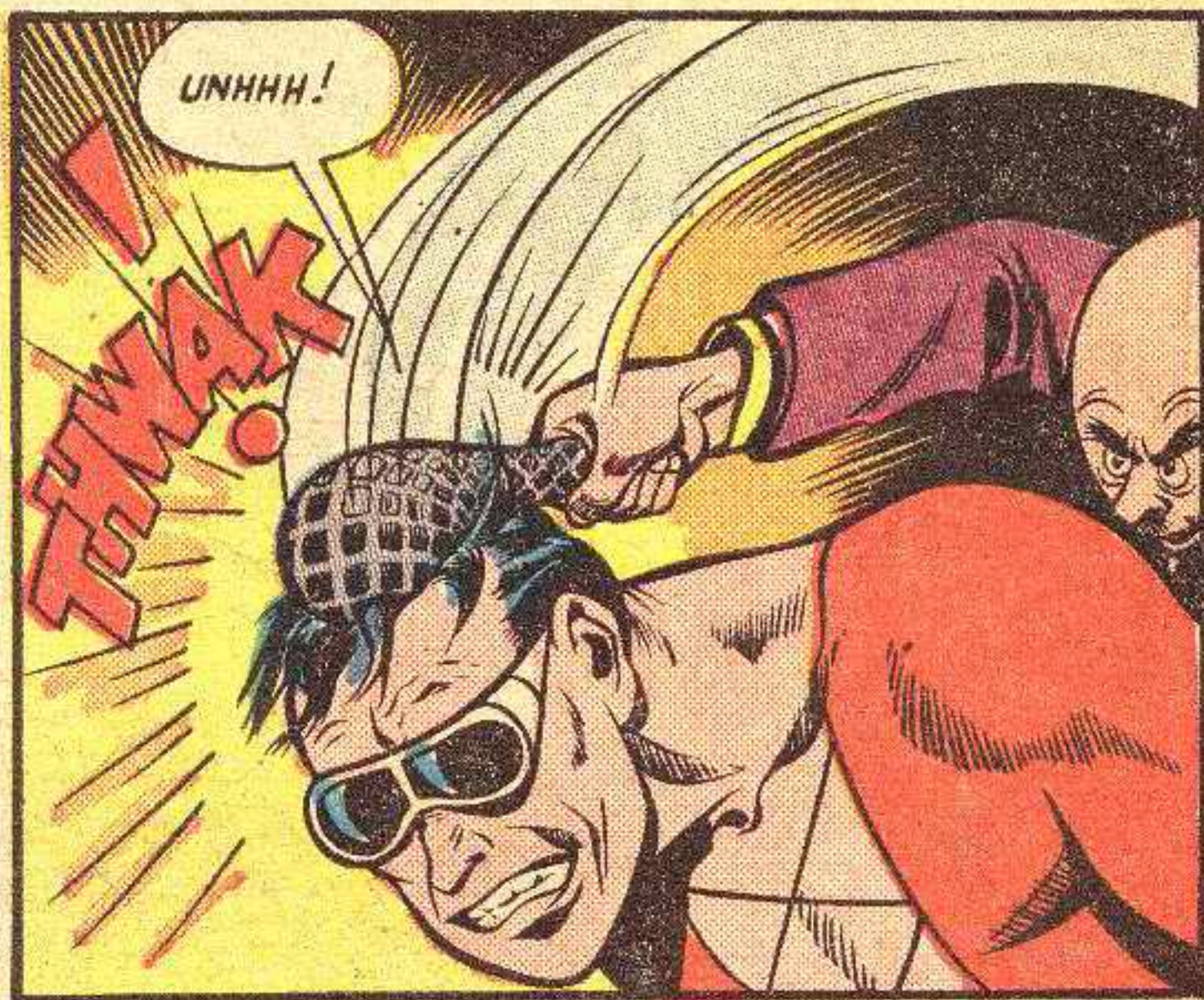


I COULD GET A PAIR OF BUILT-UP SHOES LIKE THAT GUY IS WEARING! I'M GOING TO ASK HIM WHERE HE BOUGHT THEM!

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HERE BE PLACE!
BUBBLE HEAD BE
GLAD TO HEAR
NEWS!



HEY, WHAT DID
YOU COME
HERE FOR?
YOU MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
FOLLOWED!

OH, NO! IS ALL
RIGHT! I WANT
TO KNOW IF I
CAN KEEP
THESE VERY
FINE SHOES!



I NEVER SAW
THOSE BEFORE!
WHERE DID THEY
COME FROM?

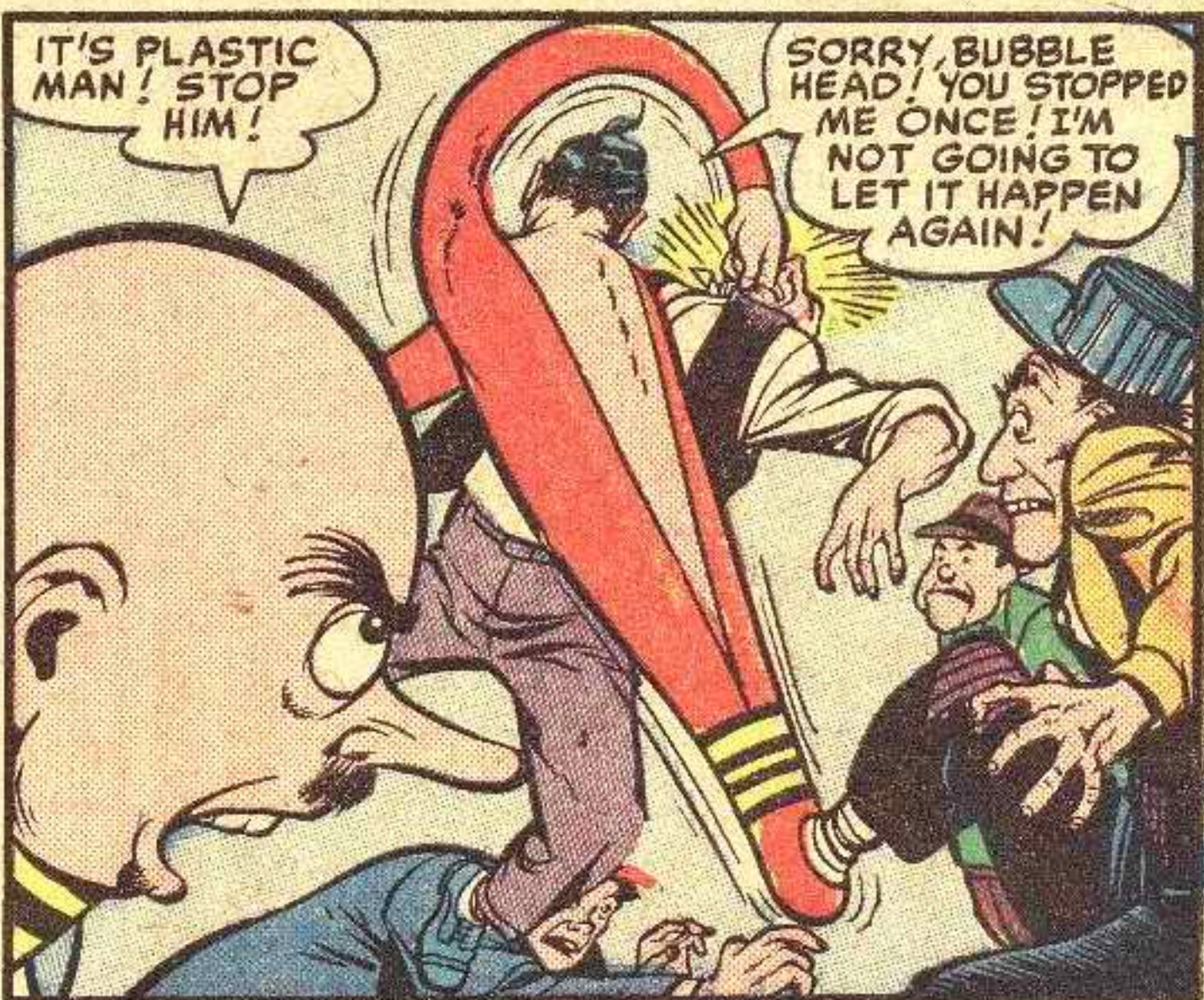
YEAH, YOU CAN
KEEP THEM!
THEY'RE NOT
OURS!



HEY, WHAT
HAPPEN? I
NOT WANT TO
KICK YOU!

I
DO!

OH, PLAS!
YOU'VE COME
TO THE
RESCUE!



IT'S PLASTIC
MAN! STOP
HIM!

SORRY, BUBBLE
HEAD! YOU STOPPED
ME ONCE! I'M
NOT GOING TO
LET IT HAPPEN
AGAIN!



YOU'RE A SHREWD
OPERATOR, BUBBLE
HEAD, BUT A CROOKED
ONE! MAYBE THIS WILL
STRAIGHTEN YOU
OUT!

GOOD WORK, PLAS!
AND ALL THE STOLEN
DIAMONDS ARE HERE!
THEY'RE INSIDE THE
HEELS OF THEIR
SHOES! I SAW
THEM PUT THEM
IN THERE!



And SOMETIME LATER...

I'M SORRY I DOUBTED
YOUR WORD, PLAS, BUT
IT CERTAINLY WAS A
FANTASTIC STORY!

IF IT WEREN'T
FOR THIS BUMP
ON MY HEAD,
CHIEF, I'D
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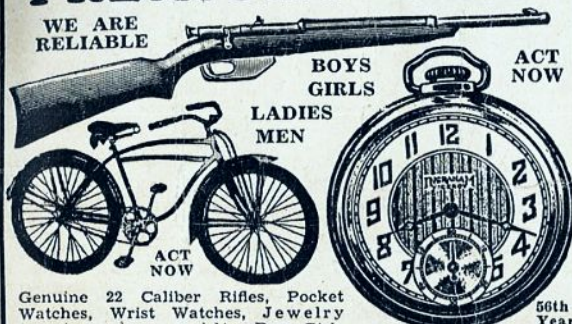
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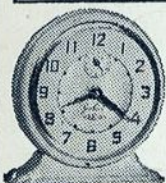
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